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HOPES FOR HONGKONG AND CANTON.

MUCH PROMISE FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS.

"TELEPHOTO" IDEA.

It may safely be stated that commercial aviation between Hongkong and Canton has been brought tangibly nearer crystallisation as the result of conversations in Canton between Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler, the Adjutant of the Kai Tak Aerodrome, and the Canton authorities. The visit demonstrated that the Hongkong suggestion is likely to be taken up with enthusiasm, and it is to be followed up very shortly by a visit to Hongkong of Mr. Cheung Wai-chong, the Director of Aviation in Canton.

Aerial "Taxi" Idea.

Already many valuable suggestions have been put forward by the Chinese. They suggest that, in addition to regular services between Hongkong and Canton and perhaps other places, a "taxi" service should be provided. The idea is that anyone desirous of making trips to Swatow or Amoy, or other places not in the regular service, would be accommodated.

Mr. Vaughan-Fowler is going carefully into points of detail as brought out by his visit to Canton, and it is hoped that very shortly a concrete scheme will be formulated.

Wireless Hopes.

Another important topic of conversation between H.E. the Governor and Marshal Li Chai-sum, and brought out effectively by H.E. during his recent official visit to Canton—namely wireless facilities—is also being taken up seriously by the Canton authorities.

The *Telegraph* recently announced that Mr. M. J. Breen, the Postmaster-General, and Mr. L. H. King, Director of Wireless in Hongkong, had left for Canton in connexion with the improvement of wireless communication between Hongkong and Canton, with special reference to the establishment of a tele-autographic system (telephoto).

Mr. Breen and Mr. King have now returned and they state that the military wireless installation in Canton is a remarkably good and efficient one, but that that used by the civil authorities could be considerably improved.

Telephoto Possible.

The telephoto system, which it is hoped may eventually be established between Hongkong and Canton, and which would be a distinct acquisition as it would enable the easy transmission of Chinese characters, is already in use between Peking, Mukden and Harbin, and is likely to be considerably extended in the North, possibly to Shanghai amongst other places.

H.E. the Governor, while in Mukden during his recent holiday, sent a message by the telephoto process to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking, and the message came through very distinctly.

Hongkong will provide every facility for the development of wireless between the Colony and Canton, and it is believed that definite steps may be possible in the near future.

FINE TO CLOUDY WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone has weakened and is central over South-West Japan. The depression has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over South-East Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the North China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North or variable winds, light; fine to cloudy.

NURSERY SCHOOL DISASTER.

FIVE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN SURREY.

PARENTS ABROAD.

London, Mar. 18.

One boy and four girls between the ages of four and five were burned to death in a disastrous fire which broke out at midnight in a nursery school called "Hightrees" at Salford, Surrey.

It was a school chiefly patronised by parents living in India and other tropic countries.

The victims were: Graham Trevetham, whose parents are believed to be in Egypt;

Dickie Waters;
Pamela French;
Desmond Lowden, and
Francis Smith.

The last-mentioned little girl occupied a bedroom on the top floor of a block which was gutted and three others in the same room were rescued.

Thirty other children who were asleep in other parts of the same block, were safely removed.—*Reuter*.

SOVIET RUSSIA SEES HER SIDE.

NEW SLOGAN FOLLOWING THE DONETZ ARRESTS.

Riga, Mar. 18.

The dispute between Russia and Germany over the arrests of German engineers in the Donetz coal basin has thrown up a new slogan "Red specialists for Red Russia."

This is the cry now being adopted by the Soviet newspapers and Soviet organisations since the recent demand of M. Rykoff, that Russia do her utmost to produce her own loyal non-bourgeois specialists.

The Press express astonishment at Germany's rupturing of the trade negotiations at Berlin and adduce long arguments to show that the Western Powers are still trying to prevent the development of Russian relations with other countries.—*Reuter*.

PERSIANS RAID IRAK TRIBE.

SHEIKH'S PURSUIT RESULTS IN SEVERE AFFRAY.

Basra, Mar. 18.

Persian tribes in the Pushtuku area yesterday attacked the Irakian Beniam tribe, of which Sheikh Gumfudh is the leader.

The attack was made on the Irak-Persian border near Amara, and the raiders carried off 15,000 sheep.

Sheikh Gumfudh sent a band of his armed retainers in pursuit of the raiders and sharp fighting ensued when the parties came to grips, heavy casualties being suffered on both sides. The Persian leader was among the wounded.

A Commission has been sent from Amara to enquire into the affair.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

VISCOUNT CHILSTON SENT TO BUDAPEST.

London, Mar. 18.

Viscount Chilston, K.C.M.G., British Minister at Vienna since 1921 and Consul-General since 1927, has been transferred to Budapest.—*Reuter*.

[Viscount Chilston has been in the Diplomatic Corps since 1898, having formerly served as captain in the Royal Scots. He has seen service in varied capacities at Cairo, Madrid, Constantinople, Athens, Sofia, and Rome, while for some time after the war he acted as Diplomatic Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.]

THRILLS FOR KING AMANULLAH.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY R.A.F.

PLANS FOR EXCITING TRIP IN SUBMARINE.

CREATING PRECEDENT.

London, Mar. 17.

What interested King Amanullah more than anything else at the Royal Air Force display at Hendon, was the thrilling exhibition of aerobatics by two daring young pilots, Gray and Barlow. With perfect grace and rhythm they went through a series of amazing antics climbing vertically in the sky, spinning upwards—which is one of the most difficult acrobatic stunts—and falling dizzily to a low altitude whence they swooped up again over King Amanullah's head.

A flight of great bombers rose with a roar, climbed to a dizzy height then dropped almost perpendicularly to within about fifty feet of the ground, and loosed their smoke bombs on a dummy camp which quickly burst into flames, and was reduced to ashes. The King was much impressed by the fact that every single bomb hit its mark.

Submarine Trip.

King Amanullah will create a precedent to-morrow when he makes a twenty miles cruise in the submarine L22, which for a considerable part of the time will travel under water, and will experience the thrill of torpedoing a British battleship.

He will be the only monarch who has ever made a submarine trip under what will be, very largely, Service conditions.

Among the escorting vessels will be the minesweeper *Alfred* from the dock of which Queen Souriya will watch the progress of the L22.

In order that she may better follow the manoeuvres of the submarine it will submerge only to a depth of about twenty-five feet so that its periscope will be visible above the surface of the sea.

The L22, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Slophens is one of the finest of her class.

She is 238 feet long and carries a crew of forty. Her armament consists of a quick-firing gun and four torpedo tubes. Rear-Admiral H.E. Grace, former Commander of Hongkong and now Rear Admiral of Submarines, will be present in the L22 to explain to King Amanullah the various manoeuvres.

Royal Salutes.

When the L22 leaves harbour she will fly the Afghan standard and royal salutes will be fired.

King Amanullah will acknowledge the salute from a position in the conning tower where he will remain until the submarine reaches Stokes Bay when he will descend into the interior of the boat in preparation for its submergence.

Then will come the most exciting incident. King Amanullah will be conducted to the bows of the L22 where her torpedo tubes are situated. Into one of these a 21-inch torpedo with a dummy head will be loaded and this the King will fire at a battle ship. The whole practice will be carried out as in actual warfare.—*British Wireless*.

SIX CHINESE INJURED.

PASSENGERS FALL INTO HOLD.

Six Chinese passengers on board the s.s. *Tai How* were injured when a hatch cover, on which they were resting, fell through owing to the collapse of a supporting beam, and they were precipitated into the hold beneath.

The mishap occurred at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday. In response to a signal, the Water Police boarded the vessel and removed the injured men to hospital.

MANY QUESTIONS ON MALARIA.

DR KOCH SEEKS INFORMATION ON SEVERAL POINTS.

TO-MORROW'S QUERIES.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch is to ask the following questions:

1.—Pending the arrival of a malarial expert, and as the work of malarial prevention should be continuously carried out on the usual well known lines will the authorities state what has been done in this direction in this Colony and the New Territory during the past three years as regards (a) the training of nullahs, (b) reclamation of swamps, (c) dealing with paddy fields and other forms of wet cultivation?

2.—Does this Department continue to send out an Inspector and a squad of men to search for and locate mosquito infected and mosquito breeding places and to deal with them?

3.—(a) How many cases of malaria have been under treatment during the past three years, yearly, in the Public Dispensaries and Hospitals under Government inspection and control, giving the number in each institution? (b) How many deaths from malaria have been recorded in such

BRITISH MINISTER TO VISIT NANKING.

Expected to Settle the Outrage at Nanking.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has informed the Nationalist Government by telegram that Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and himself are leaving for Nanking this afternoon. On receipt of the news, the Government appointed a special official to make arrangements for the reception of the distinguished visitor.

It is reported that, during his visit, Sir Miles Lampson will conclude a settlement of the Nanking incident with the Nationalist Government. On arrival, he will be welcomed at the Foreign Office, and during his visit he will stay at the British Consulate.—*Wah Kui Yat Po*.

Institutions? (c) How many cases have been diagnosed clinically, and how many by microscopic examination?

4.—Could statistics be obtained from the military authorities as to the prevalence of malaria in this Command?

5.—Could this Department undertake or direct a campaign of instruction among the people by lectures and demonstrations on the prevalence and prevention of malaria, calling in if necessary the Dispensary Medical Staff, the Y.M.C.A. and any other bodies which would offer their services?

ALLEGED HARBOURING OF GIRL.

YOUNG CHINESE ARRESTED AND CHARGED.

A young building-contractor's employee, of No. 267, Leichikok Road, Shamshui, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of harbouring a Chinese girl under the age of 21 years.

It was alleged that the girl, who is 20 years of age, had been living at No. 267, Leichikok Road without the consent of her parents for over a fortnight. She left her home on February 28th and was found in the defendant's house yesterday.

On the application of Sub-Inspector Hoare, the case was adjourned until Wednesday.

Plymouth is to have a "Navy Week" this year, probably from July 31 to August 4, when battleships and Devonport Dockyard will be open for inspection.

BIG ARMS HAUL AT SHANGHAI.

LARGEST SEIZURE EVER RECORDED.

400 PISTOLS & 31,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

The biggest individual seizure of arms and ammunition ever recorded in Shanghai was made by the Municipal police early yesterday morning outside the China Merchants' lower wharf.

Under the cover of darkness, a gang of coolies were caught carrying sacks which on examination were found to contain 369 automatic pistols, 14 Mauser pistols, 30,785 rounds of pistol ammunition, 1,260 rounds of Mauser ammunition, 317 clips of ammunition, and 31 cleaning brushes. All were of European manufacture, although only on a few was stamped the source of manufacture.

Smuggled from Europe? Alongside the wharf was the steamer *Carmarthenshire*, which arrived from London and European ports on Sunday.

The *Carmarthenshire* has a large Chinese crew, and it is believed the arms and ammunition were smuggled on board the vessel at some European port without the knowledge of the officers.

When the police patrol surprised the coolies carrying the sacks, the Chinese put to flight and dropped their loads, but two of them were arrested and appeared at the Provisional Court to-day, when they were remanded. The steamer was thoroughly searched yesterday afternoon but nothing else was found, indicating that the smugglers were within an ace of landing the cargo when it was seized.

The Discovery.

The discovery was made at 3.40 a.m., yesterday by a Russian policeman and a Chinese policeman patrolling the dock district. A string of coolies were seen leaving the China Merchants' wharf near Kungping Road, each carrying a sack. The police investigated and as soon as a move was made to search them, the coolies dropped their loads and ran away. Two of them were caught.

The police are making careful investigations into the case because it has the marks of an international scheme for smuggling arms and ammunition for use of robbers and kidnappers in Shanghai.

When the arrested men were charged, the police gave evidence of seeing 13 coolies carrying suspicious-looking bags, and when investigations were about to be made 11 of the coolies ran off but two were arrested.

Motor Car in Waiting.

Det-Inspector Knight informed the Court that the two accused were employed at the Old Ningpo Wharf and were asked to go with eleven other men to carry away some bags for which they were promised \$2 per bag. They were only required to carry the bags from the jetty to a waiting motor car and must have known that there was something wrong. One of the accused gave the name of the other 11 men employed for the same job and a warrant was asked for their arrest.

One of the accused told the Court that the bags containing the ammunition were taken from the *Carmarthenshire* and were placed in a small boat whence they were transferred to the wharf. They were told by the man who employed them that if the police came they were to run away.

MARSHAL LI'S TRIP TO NANKING.

PARTY DUE IN SHANGHAI TO-DAY.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

Marshal Li Chai-sum and his party, which left Hongkong by the P. and O. steamer *Mantua* for Shanghai on Friday, will arrive here to-morrow morning.

After a brief stay in Shanghai, the party will proceed to Nanking to confer with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

ROYAL OAK AFFAIR DEVELOPMENT.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIENCES OF HIS MAJESTY.

ADMIRALTY CONCERN.

London, March 17.

The Admiralty has issued the following statement regarding the incidents on board the battleship "Royal Oak" at Malta:—"The report of the Court of Inquiry held at Malta to investigate disciplinary matters affecting Rear Admiral Bernard Collard, Captain Kenneth Dewar and Commander Henry Daniel has been received at the Admiralty and is being considered. The Admiralty definitely stated that there has been no mutiny or refusal to sail under Rear-Admiral Collard nor has a court-martial yet been held."

It is announced in the Court Circular that Mr. W. C. Bridge-man, the First Lord of the Admiralty, had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning.

Rear Admiral Eric Fullerton, Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty was also received by His Majesty.

Unofficially it is stated Rear Admiral Collard is on his way to London on the instructions of the Admiralty.—*British Wireless*.

Malta, Mar. 17.

Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard and Mrs. Collard are returning to London by way of Italy.

The *Evening Standard* gathers that there will be a general court martial at the Admiralty.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE POLITICAL TOURISTS.

EXPECTED TO RETURN VERY SOON.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

According to a statement made by the Nationalist Government, the party of prominent Kuomintang politicians who left China some time ago for Europe will return to China at the beginning of the next month to resume the offices which they formerly held in the Government.

The party includes Mr. Wu Han-min, former Chairman of the Kuomintang; Mr. C. C. Wu, former Foreign Minister to the Nanking Nationalist Government; and Mr. Sun Fo, the former Finance Minister.

It is said that Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the noted chief of the Kuomintang "Leftists," will re-enter the political arena in Nanking soon.

GIBRALTAR STRIKE TROUBLE.

COALHEAVERS TRY TO RUSH POLICE STATION.

Gibraltar, Mar. 18.

The employment of imported labour to replace coalheavers who are on strike, has resulted in considerable disturbance, excited crowds parading the streets and demonstrating outside the police station demanding the release of 26 coalheavers who were arrested after intimidating the new labourers on board a ship.

The crowd afterwards made for the Governor's residence where further disorder prevailed. When subsequently they returned to the Police Station, they tried to rush it, but were dispersed by the police.—*Reuter*.

TORNADO DISASTER IN FLORIDA.

SIXTEEN CASUALTIES IN THE HAVOC.

New York, Mar. 18.

Terrible damage to property was done at Sorrento Florida by a tornado which swept through the town, states a message from Orlando, Florida.

One woman was killed and fifteen persons injured as the result of the disaster. The tornado cut a path three hundred feet wide through the centre of the town, but only seven houses were destroyed.—*Reuter's American Service*.

MAIDEN CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

WHITE GLOVES GIFT TO MR. WOOD.

TRIBUTE PAID TO WORK OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FIRST FOR 14 YEARS.

No cases are down for trial at the Criminal Sessions this month and as a result a time-honoured ceremony was performed in the Supreme Court this morning, when Mr. Justice Wood was presented with a pair of white-gloves by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Deputy Registrar.

The rarity of the occasion was remarked upon and a tribute paid to the work of the police force.

On only two previous occasions has the Court been in a position to witness the presentation made this morning, the first in November, 1904, when Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, then Chief Justice, was the recipient and the second, in June, 1914, when the presentation was made to Sir Henry Gompertz, (then Mr. H. J. Gompertz).

Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, was among the gathering in Court which also included the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., (Cantab), Superintendent of Police, (Mr. C. D. Melbourne, (Deputy Registrar), Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, (Assistant Attorney General), Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitors).

Presenting the gloves to Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. C. D. Melbourne said:—"My Lord, there are no cases this session and I beg your Lordship's acceptance of a pair of white gloves in accordance with the old established custom."

Two Previous Instances.

Sir Joseph Kemp remarked that the empty session, though not unique, was very rare. He had been connected with the Supreme Court for over 20 years and before that it was part of his duty to commit cases to the Criminal Sessions but he could recall only two previous instances of a maiden session.

"Relief, therefore, comes seldom," Sir Joseph continued, "and I think that all of us engaged under the guidance of the Court from month to month in the administration of criminal justice, the jurors, officials of the Court, Crown Solicitors' Department, the police, and my own department, may congratulate ourselves and, respectfully congratulate your Lordship, on this occasion."

"The task on which we are engaged, from month to month in our respective roles is often a heavy one, involving close attention and often very anxious thought and we are glad to be relieved of it if only during one month. As there is no crime on the calendar this month perhaps I may pay a tribute to the police, whose work in the suppression of crime is so important, and to whose energy, skill and courage, in the face of danger, we all of us so much appreciate."

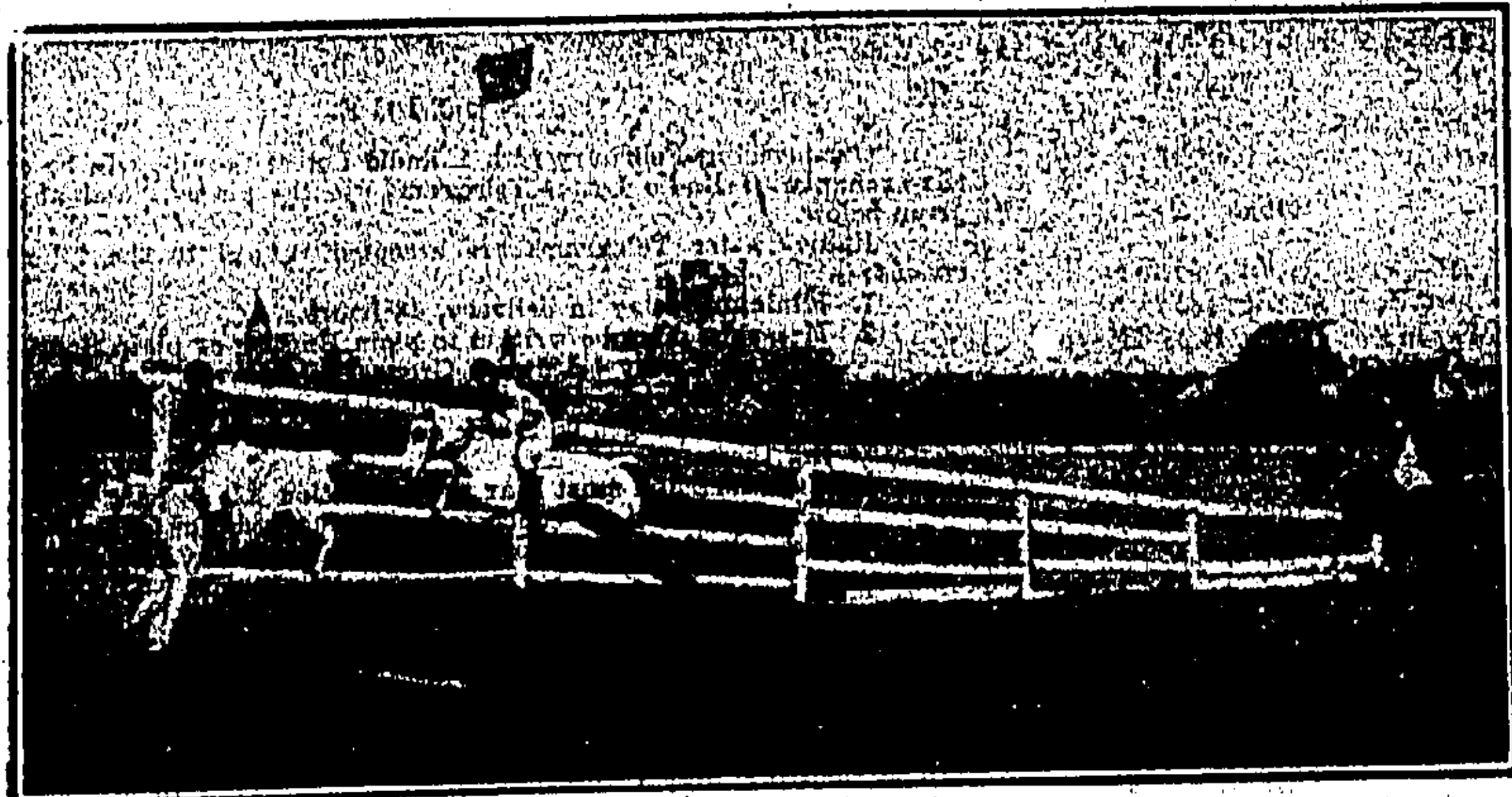
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Replying, his Lordship said:—"I thank you Mr. Attorney for attending here this morning at this Session, and I thank also the Deputy Registrar and the officers of the court for observing the time honoured custom of the court on this occasion."

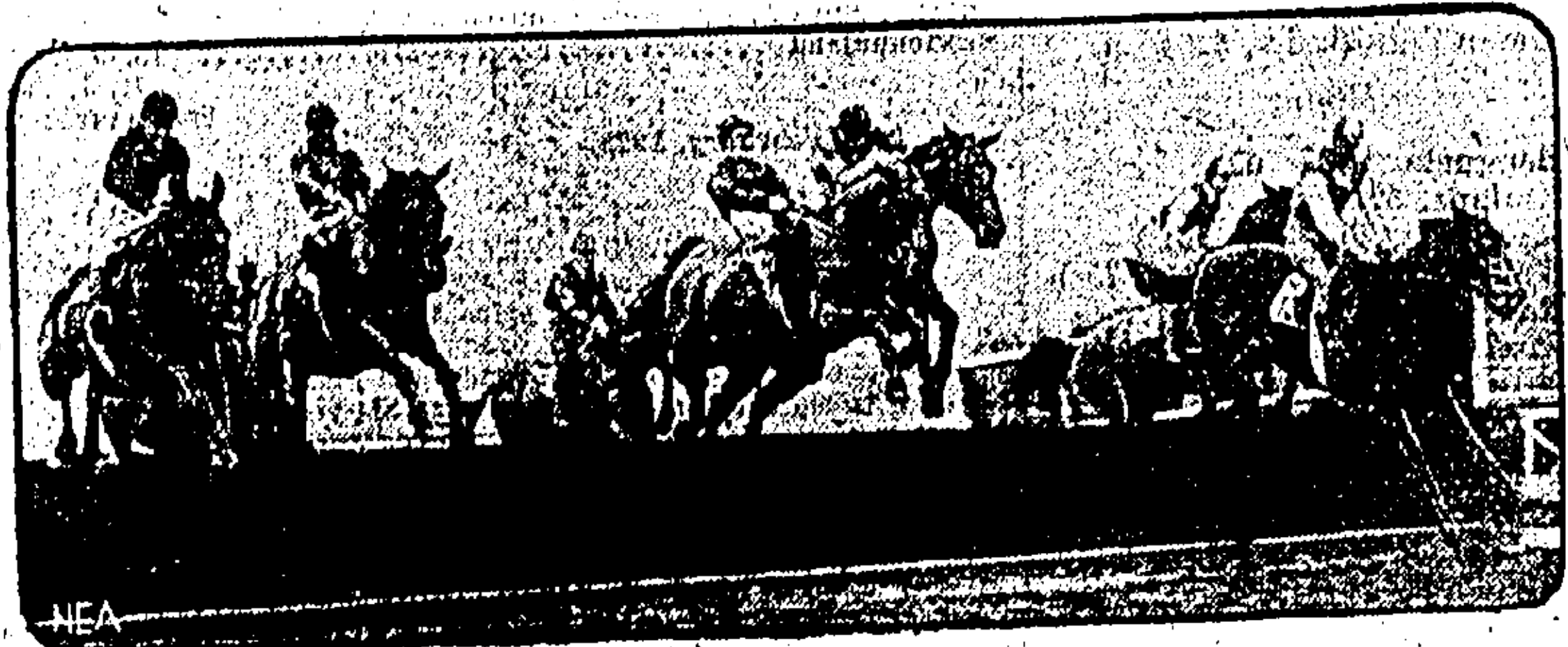
"It is a real pleasure to me to be presiding to-day and to take part in this ceremony."

"The occurrence of an empty criminal calendar must be a matter of gratification to the community as a whole and more especially to the officers of the police department, who are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in this Colony, and the security of our lives and property. I thank you."

The administration of the Italian Railways has decided to abolish the surcharge of 2 per cent levied on conversion into Italian lire of charges for transport of goods and passengers on non-Italian sections of the journey.



A fine snap of some of the competitors in one of the steeplechases during the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club's annual race meeting.



Here's a remarkable photograph depicting the victory of Billy Barton, the American Grand National candidate in the second day trials for the Grand National at Newbury. Billy Barton, with T. Morgan up, is shown right, leading the field at the water jump.



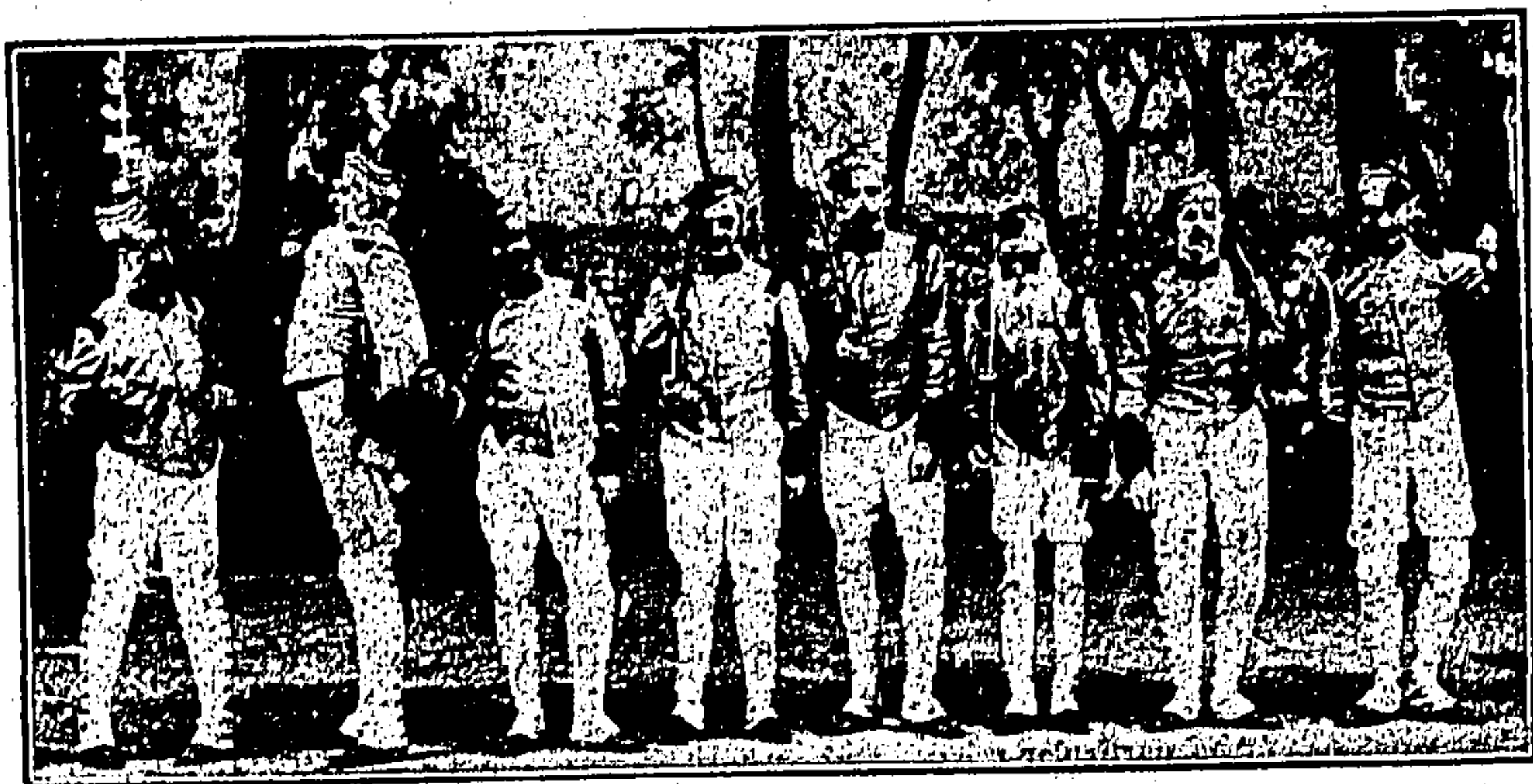
James A. Farrell, President of the United States Steel Corporation (left) and President Cosgrave photographed at the India House luncheon given to Cosgrave when he passed through New York on route back to Ireland.



Aftermaths of an incendiary at the home of United States Senator Johnson just outside Washington, are pictured here. They are the charred remains of two automobiles.



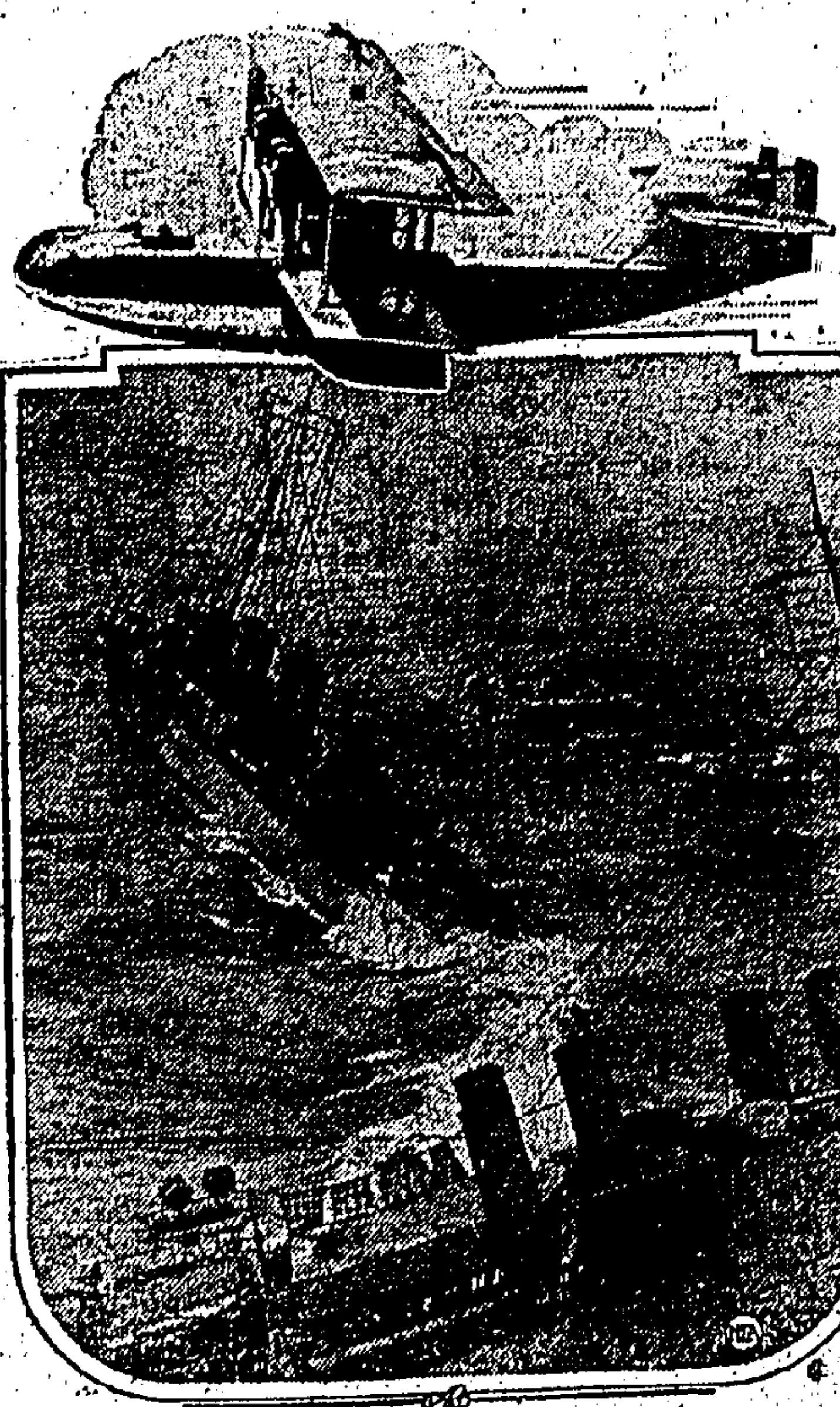
A cheery group of drag hunt followers and spectators, Shanghai. Third from the left, is Mr. M. C. Springfield, Master of the Hunt, with Mrs. Noel Davis, on his left and Mrs. J. K. Brand and Dr. Noel C. Davis, Master of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club, on his right.



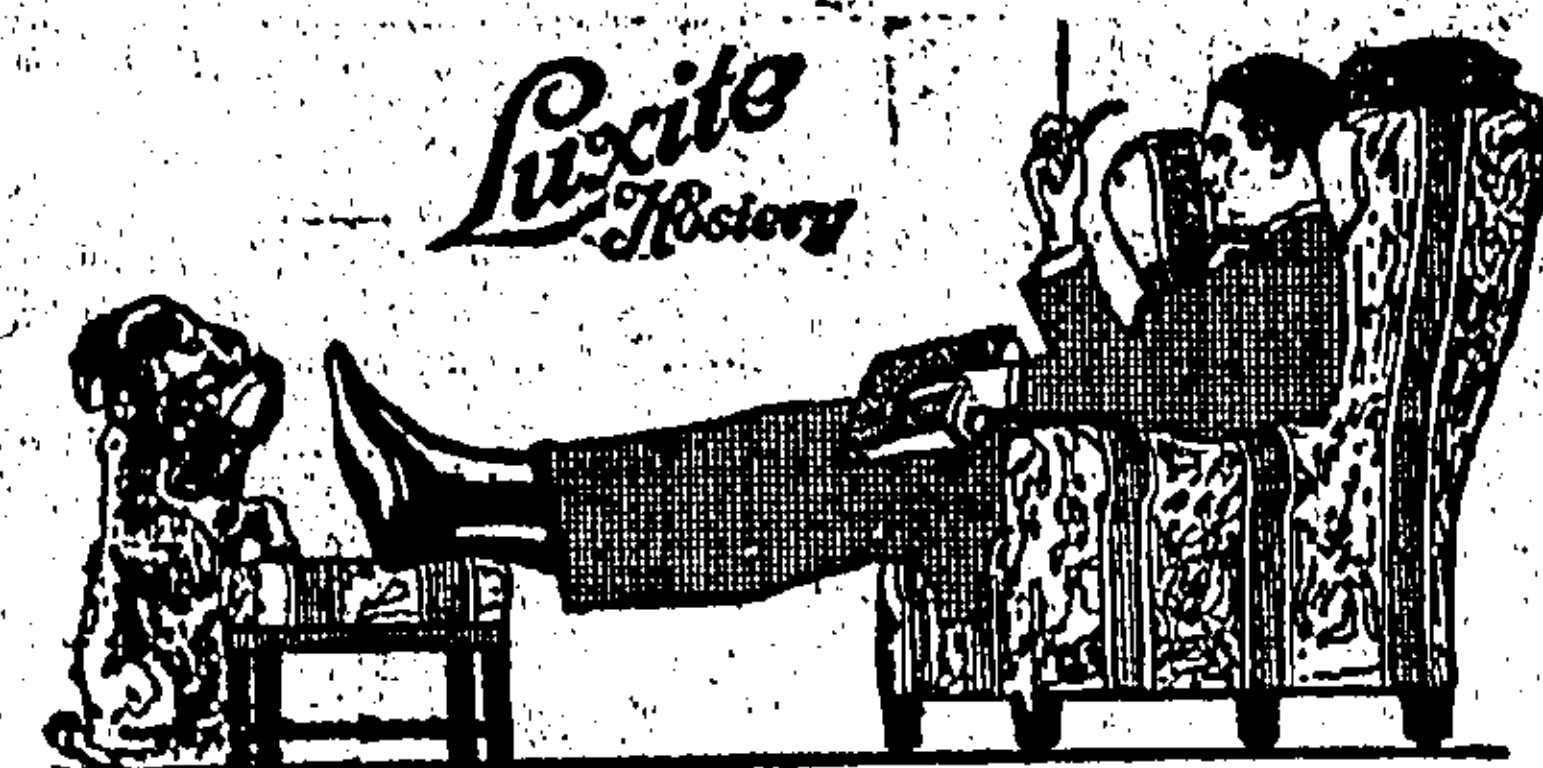
A snapshot of the cast in "Veronique" produced in Shanghai.



The French Ambassador M. Paul Claudel is pictured at the State Department in Washington affixing his signature to the new Franco-American arbitration treaty. Watching from the right is Under Secretary of State Robert E. Olds, who signed for U. S.



The wrecked bulks of seven U. S. destroyers, unpleasant reminders of the September night in 1923 when they were driven on the jagged rocks of Point Honda, Calif., carrying 23 men to their death, soon are to be blown to bits by a squadron of navy seaplanes from San Diego. Above is one of the bombers, and two of the wrecked destroyers as they appear today.



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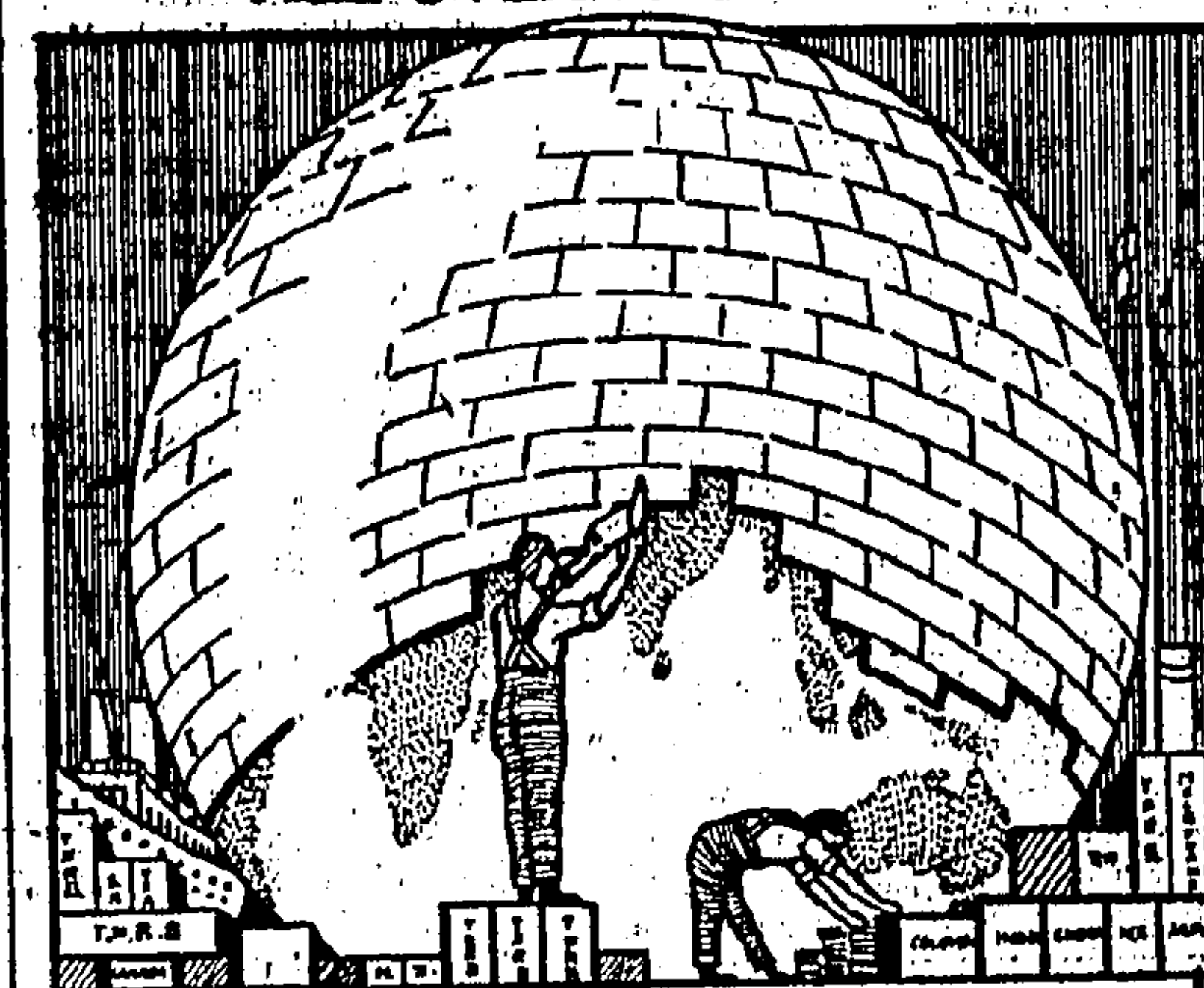
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G. A. HARRIMAN,
Member of H.K. Share-brokers Association.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under-signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT

Sleepchases.

EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the **EASTER MEETING** to be held on SATURDAY, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 22nd day of March, to Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1928.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, the 30th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.

From 17th March, 1928, until further notice, telephone service between Hongkong and Kowloon will be restricted owing to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the telephone traffic between the above mentioned places.

A full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease.

J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

MRS. MOTONO

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CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY, the 20th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Drawn and Embroidered Table Covers, Bed Covers, Dresses, Sarongs, Bags, Silk and Cotton Socks and Stockings, Ivory Combs, Sandal Wood Fans, Glass Bangles, Mother of Pearl Forks and Necklaces, Crochet Lace Dollies, Old Embroidered Cushions, Ivory and Silver and Cloisonne Ware, etc., etc.

(to be sold in small lots).
On View on Day of Sale.
Terms—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Mar. 19, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction,

On WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, the 21st and 22nd March, 1928, commencing each day at 10 a.m. on the premises.

The Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, St. Francis Hotel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, all that space on the ground floor known as the Lobby and a portion of the ground floor of the Right Wing of the Ho Hong Bank Building together with the servants' quarters at the back thereof

comprising:—

Blackwood Tables, Teapots, Pedestals, Joss Tables, Stools, Teak Clothes Hangers, Iron and Teak Bedsteads, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Wardrobes, Armchairs, Couches, Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Ice Chests, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Utensils, Stoves, Teak Counters, Pictures, Pots and Plants, Rattan Chairs, Carpet Runners, Toilet Sets, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Monday, the 19th March, 1928.

Terms—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On FRIDAY, the 23rd March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

At No. 12, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—
Chesterfield Couch and Chairs, Teak Extension Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Ice Chest, Dinner Waggon, Fine Crystal Table Service, Cutlery, Crockery, Picture, Ornaments, Teak Wardrobe, Chest of Drawers, Bedsteads, Dressing Table, Curtains, etc., etc.
Several Pieces of Canton Blackwood Furniture also

A Few Very Fine Tientsin Carpets and
A Valuable Collection of Curios.

On View from Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1928.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1250 b.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$331 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asiatic, \$73 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$332 b.
North China Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.65 b.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$750 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 s.
H. K. Steamships, \$291 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$250 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$451 b.
Shell Trans., \$0/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$2.35 n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
Langkats, \$16 n.
Shai Exploration, \$1.275 b.
Raubs, \$42 b.
Tronoha, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$141 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents, \$6.40 s.
Hongkong, \$164 b.
New Engineering, \$1.480 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$1.101 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$1.835 s.
Orientals, \$1.2 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1.60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$101 s.
H. K. Lands, \$671 b.
Shai Lands, \$131 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realities, \$3 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25.90 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.
Star Forries, \$641 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H'kong Electric, \$712 n.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.85 b.
China Buses, \$1.61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$131 b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Comhons (Comb.) \$12.10 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$211 b.
Watsons, \$141 b.
Der A. Wing, \$1 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.65 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sincors, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prorr.

In commemoration of his visit to Rome, the King of Italy has conferred on Sir Rowland Blades, M.P., then Lord Mayor, the Grand Cordoon of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

LETTER GOLF.

SMART STYLE is all some golfers are said to be particular about. Letter Golfers, if SMART can go to STYLE in five strokes—that's par.

SMART
S T A R T
S T Y L E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, MEN.
2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the places, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:—
1. Minimum delay in delivery, 48 hours.
2. Messages must be written in plain English or plain Spanish. Code addresses may be used. Groups of figures, trade marks, terms and trade expressions must be expanded by qualifying words so that messages will offer an intelligible sense to ANYONE reading them.
3. Each message must bear the Indication RI as part of the address. The Indication is connected and charged for as one word. No limit on the number of words a message may contain.

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	H.K. \$	H.K. \$
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Central States U.S.	12.60	.63
Eastern States U.S.	13.00	.65
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Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba	13.00	.65
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M. J. BRENN.

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced from \$2.05 to \$1.70 per word from 7th inst.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by meter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabias and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Manila	Pres. Grant	March 19.
Straits	Santha	March 19.
Shanghai	Chenau	March 19.
Shanghai	Karnala	March 23.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Eurylochus	March 24.
Manila	Empress of Asia	March 25.
London 23rd February	Porthos	March 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Mantua	March 30.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Szechuen	Mon., Mar. 19, 4 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Ying	Mon., Mar. 19, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Mon., Mar. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Chakang	Mon., Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	Mon., Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Tues., Mar. 20.
Letters		10 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & S. America, *Europe via San Francisco

Taiyo Maru Tues., Mar. 20.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 18th April)

Fort Bayard Tai Pao Seh Tues., Mar. 20, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe, via Siberia

Pres. Grant Tues., Mar. 20.
Registration 3 p.m.
Letters 4.15 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 9th April).

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Philoctetes Tues., Mar. 20.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 20th April).

Amoy Kutsang Tues., Mar. 20, 6 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island

Tango Maru Wed., Mar. 21.
Registration 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 2nd April).



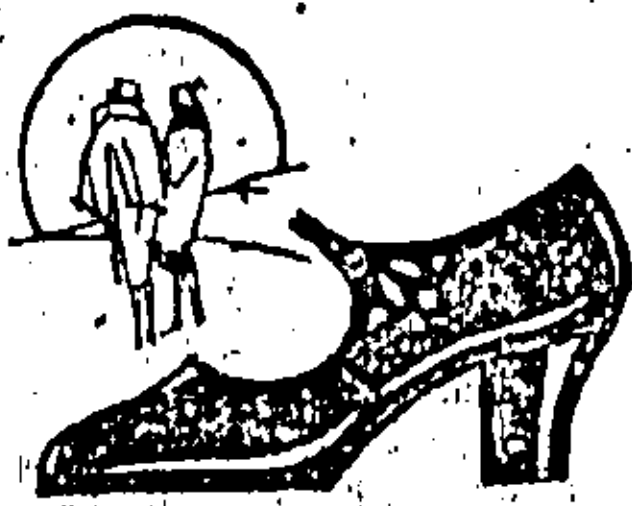
TRAGEDIES OF MARRIAGE.

Thousands of girls and women marry who are unfit for marriage. It is to this cause that much of the misery of which the world is so full is due.

An anaemic bride begins her married life under an enormous handicap. And anaemia, the blight of womanhood the world over, is more prevalent here in the East than in any other part of the globe.

Do you suffer from life-blighting anaemia? Are your lips and cheeks bloodless? Do you lack bright spirits and sparkling eyes? If so, there is a way back to health and happiness for you through the discovery of an eminent medical man, whose prescription was so successful in private practice that he arranged for it to be available to the whole world of sufferers from anaemia and nervous weakness. This prescription to-day in the form of Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people is world famous.

The secret of the curative power of Dr. Williams' pink pills is that they rapidly make new, rich, red blood, and strengthen the vital organs until the whole system is invigorated with new life. Begin your own cure now with Dr. Williams' pink pills. Medicine vendors throughout the world sell them and they are also obtainable from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, 1 bottle for \$1.50, 6 bottles \$8.00, post free.



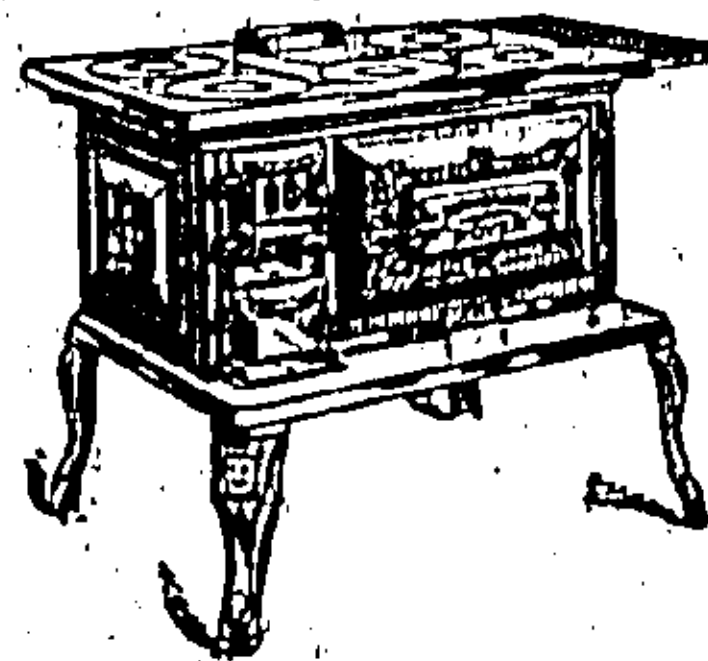
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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

DRUGS IN TEA AND COFFEE.

COMPARATIVELY HARMLESS.

Human beings all over the world have, since time immemorial, regularly used drugs of one type or another for various purposes.

The natives of South America chewed coca leaves because they believed that this relieved fatigue. Actually it gives a dose of cocaine sufficient to abolish hunger and to give a sense of euphoria or well-being, although in the long run the habit is injurious to health. Natives of the Orient chew the betel nut for the same purpose. It has been estimated that one-tenth of all human beings in the world indulge in this habit.

The use of opium and its derivatives, morphine, and the use of cocaine are additions apparently difficult to overcome once they are established, and apparently dependant to a large extent on weakness of the will as well as on some changes brought about in the body by the habitual use of the substance.

Tea and coffee contain caffeine as their chief drug. It has been said of coffee that it is the drink which cheers but not inebriates. It is a stimulant to the higher brain centres; it quickens the pulse and relieves the sense of fatigue.

The amount of caffeine in a cup of coffee or a cup of tea is usually sufficient to produce the drug effects. It is not habit-forming in the same sense as are opium and cocaine. The best scientific evidence indicates that taken in moderation, tea and coffee are not harmful.

Many persons are known who have taken tea or coffee daily for periods of 50 or 60 years without apparent ill effects.

On the other hand, children, persons with unstable nervous systems, persons who react unfavourably to stimulation of any kind, should avoid tea or coffee. In such people sleep is interfered with, and the system is constantly whipped up to a point where the nervous system is unable to withstand the strain.

It is also inadvisable, when greatly fatigued, to attempt to relieve this feeling by drinking tea or coffee. This is like whipping a tired horse. The caffeine does not relieve the fatigue, but merely gives stimulus sufficient to overcome the fatigue, placing however, an added burden upon the worn-out tissues.

A person engaged in mental activity sometimes finds a cup of coffee a temporary brace of great value. Used in this way, it may be highly desirable, but not when repeatedly used without rest so that the effects of fatigue accumulate.



The ideal job is to do what you please and get paid for it—when the boss goes to Florida.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[By Joan.]

London, Jan. 5. "Damehood" is a coveted honour these days, and the Duchess of Bedford's accession came as a surprise.

Her activities are many, but unobtrusive. Except for her travels by air the general public hears little of her. Her social life is quiet, but she is much interested in nursing and medical research. One of her hobbies is the study of bird life.

A Contrast on the Lido.

Last summer the duchess flew to Venice, and, landing a few miles from the famous Lido, booked a bathing cabin on the Excelsior beach. The beach officials made ready to receive her and escort her to her cabin.

Doubtless they expected an English duchess to arrive with pomp and ceremony. But the duchess, very simply dressed, slipped down to her cabin unnoticed.

She did not change into bathing dress, but from her silken awning watched the pageantry of these magic shores, where pyjamas and dressing-rooms vie with nature in the variety of colourings. In fact, the duchess remained incognito.

One-Woman Matinees. Yesterday Edna Thomas, "the lady from Louisiana," gave the first of her four special one-woman matinees at St. Martin's Theatre, at which she is singing a number of new negro spirituals and reviving many which she has "put away for a rest" during the last four or five years.

"I think it is good to put songs away for a rest sometimes," she told me, when I met her "behind" the theatre. "It prevents one singing them mechanically, and prevents people becoming tired of them."

"How many new spirituals I am going to sing at these matinees I do not quite know. Indeed, I cannot say offhand how many songs I know from which my programmes are selected. The programmes for these matinees I made before going to Spain."

Dress Laws.

The dresses which Edna Thomas wears when singing her songs are almost as interesting to the audience as the songs themselves, and the clothes and the music have direct connexions. "I try to fit the dress in colour and design to what I sing," she told me. "Greater simplicity is required in some instances than with others."

"For example, I should not dream of singing a Southern negro spiritual in a very elaborate gown, but no dress could be too elaborate and costly to wear when singing a Creole negro song. One has to differentiate between the religious 'church' atmosphere of the former and the passion and warmth of the latter."

Europe Orientalised.

There is a capital show of paintings of "Life in Oriental Europe" at the Arlington Gallery. The artist is Stefan Fedorovich Koleninoff, who lives in Paris, but owing to wintry gales has not come to England for his first exhibition here. The Russian refuses to sell his copyright with his picture, owing to their value for purposes of reproduction.

A Feast of Music.

We are always hearing that England is an unmusical nation,

New Ideas.

FOR HANDING ROUND THE CIGARETTE.

So many people smoke cigarettes now that it is not surprising to discover cigarette boxes specially made for handing round the table.

One of the newest is a most ingenious little affair which when closed looks like an ordinary silver case. It opens in just the same manner as does the well-known three-tier teatray. This case has a handle at the top, to be held on a finger, and has three compartments, one at the top and two below. It is made of silver and holds from thirty-five to forty cigarettes. Another new idea is a flat silver box, divided into two compartments, with a handle in the middle. It is also made for handing round, but unlike the tray case, cannot be carried in the pocket.

There is also a silver table-stand mounted on feet, which has a revolving cover, and is a most attractive little affair. Cigarette cases are shown in rose pink, pale blue, green, and light yellow enamel. They are small, but beautiful little cases and can be bought with a vanity set to match.

but you would not have thought so if you had been present at Professor Percy Dearmer's lecture on "Carols" at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The lecture theatre was packed by an audience that rapturously applauded the carols sung by the Guildhouse Quartet. The whole thing was conducted by Mr. Martin Shaw under the auspices of the League of Arts.

Professor Dearmer told us that it was a mistake to suppose that Carols belonged to Christmas alone. They were sacred songs, to be sung all the year round.

tude of independence towards man which must give him cause for thought.

In a way, perhaps, man at the moment is somewhat to be pitied. It is just possible that he feels that he is losing his paradise.

In order to realise something of what he may be thinking, we have only to imagine what would be our own disgust were we to see our men beginning to become effeminate in their looks.

Yet Eve cannot be wrong in cultivating that which gives her strength and courage, for, it must be remembered that she it is, who has had to play the harder part in reality all through life.

Is it not better for her to face from the beginning the facts that man as a protector is too often a figure of romance and not of reality, and that she must learn to stand alone.

Boy-like Women.

FREEDOM OF SHINGLED LOCKS.

Dr. Harry Miller was right when he said that it was no use girls trying to look like boys if they wanted to be beautiful in the eyes of the other sex, because not similarity but diversity between the sexes was the way to beauty.

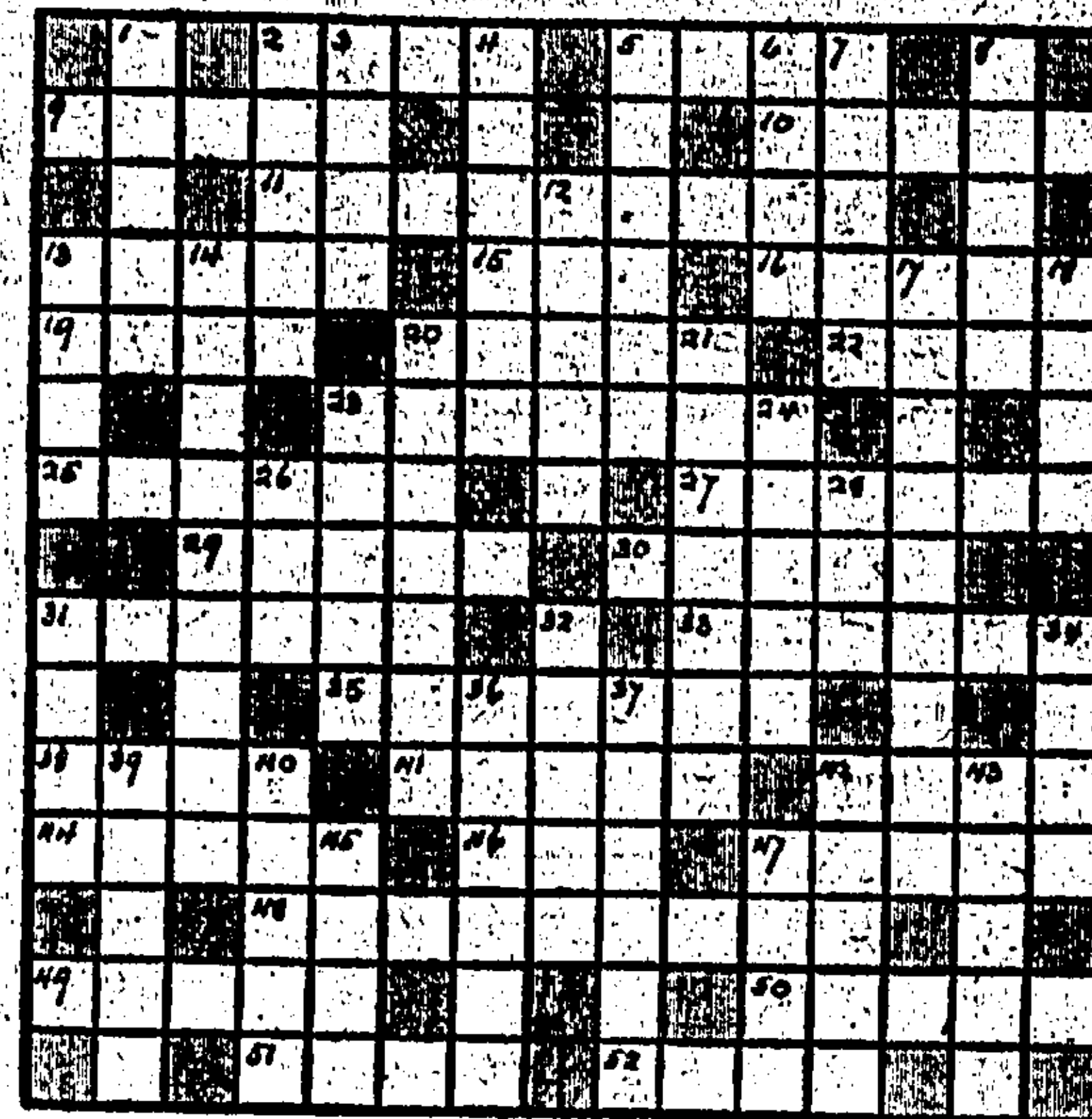
But the fact of the matter is that very few girls are deliberately trying to look like boys. The bobbed heads and short skirts of to-day are simply the outward and visible signs that femininity has reached that state of mind attained by many centuries ago, when he learned to place comfort and freedom of movement before all other considerations in the matter of dress.

With the revolt from the ridiculous, unhygienic, and cramping long skirts of the past and the glorious freedom of shingled locks, has certainly come an atti-



In this smart crepe do chine dress the designer leaves the dead whiteness entirely unrelieved by other hues.

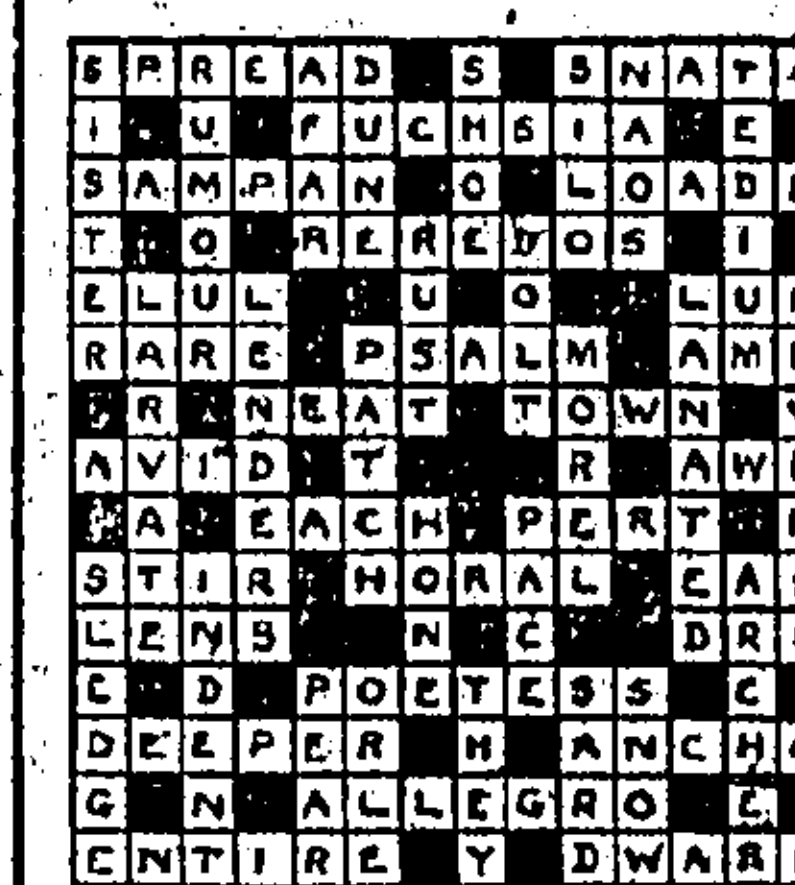
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Wave loosely.
 - Pertaining to the Russians.
 - Exclamation to call attention.
 - Species of S. American monkeys.
 - To darken.
 - Salt (Chom).
 - Elevated platform.
 - Employer.
 - Regulus.
 - Small tumour on the eyelid.
 - Inhabits.
 - Conditions.
 - Men servants.
 - Knave.
 - Feet.
 - Triangular sail.
 - Retreat.
 - Images.
 - Spoken.
 - On end.
 - Eras.
 - Fine silver of China cast into ingots.
 - Humour.
 - Trials.
 - Issuings of blood.
 - S. American ostriches.
 - Projecting parts of roofs.
 - Straw of a bride.
 - Cameo.
- Down.
- Premeditated combats.
 - Used in making bread.
 - Disinfect.
 - Hands on.
 - Scolded.
 - S. American monkeys.
 - Clit.
 - Funeral song.
 - S. American animal.

- 13 Whelp.
- 14 Having the characteristic odour of wine.
- 17 Anglo-Saxon nobles.
- 18 Fish (Plur.)
- 20 Objects to.
- 21 Prised up.
- 23 Advises.
- 24 Rescues.
- 25 Part of the foot.
- 28 Farm.
- 31 Girl.
- 32 Sedate.
- 34 Simple.
- 36 Between.
- 37 Unfastened.
- 39 East Indian waiting women.
- 40 Preclude.
- 42 Examination.
- 43 Consumed.
- 45 Beside.
- 47 Tidal wave.

Saturday's Puzzle.



U. S. AND MOROCCO.

POLICY FOR "OPEN DOOR."

Washington, Mar. 18. The United States Government has formally informed Britain, France, Spain and Italy that it makes "full reservation of its position" on any decision affecting its rights that may be reached at the Morocco conference at Paris, and declaring that its outstanding policy in favour of an "open door" remains unchanged.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EGYPT'S CABINET.

WAFD LEADER BECOMES NEW PREMIER.

Cairo, Mar. 17. The Wafd leader, Mustapha Nahas Pasha, has accepted the premiership and formed a cabinet. Later.

Nahas Pasha is also Minister of the Interior and Wafaf Pasha Ghali, Minister of Foreign Affairs.—*Reuter.*

It is understood that the 66th British Division intend to erect a war memorial at Le Cateau which will be a replica of those already erected in Wales.

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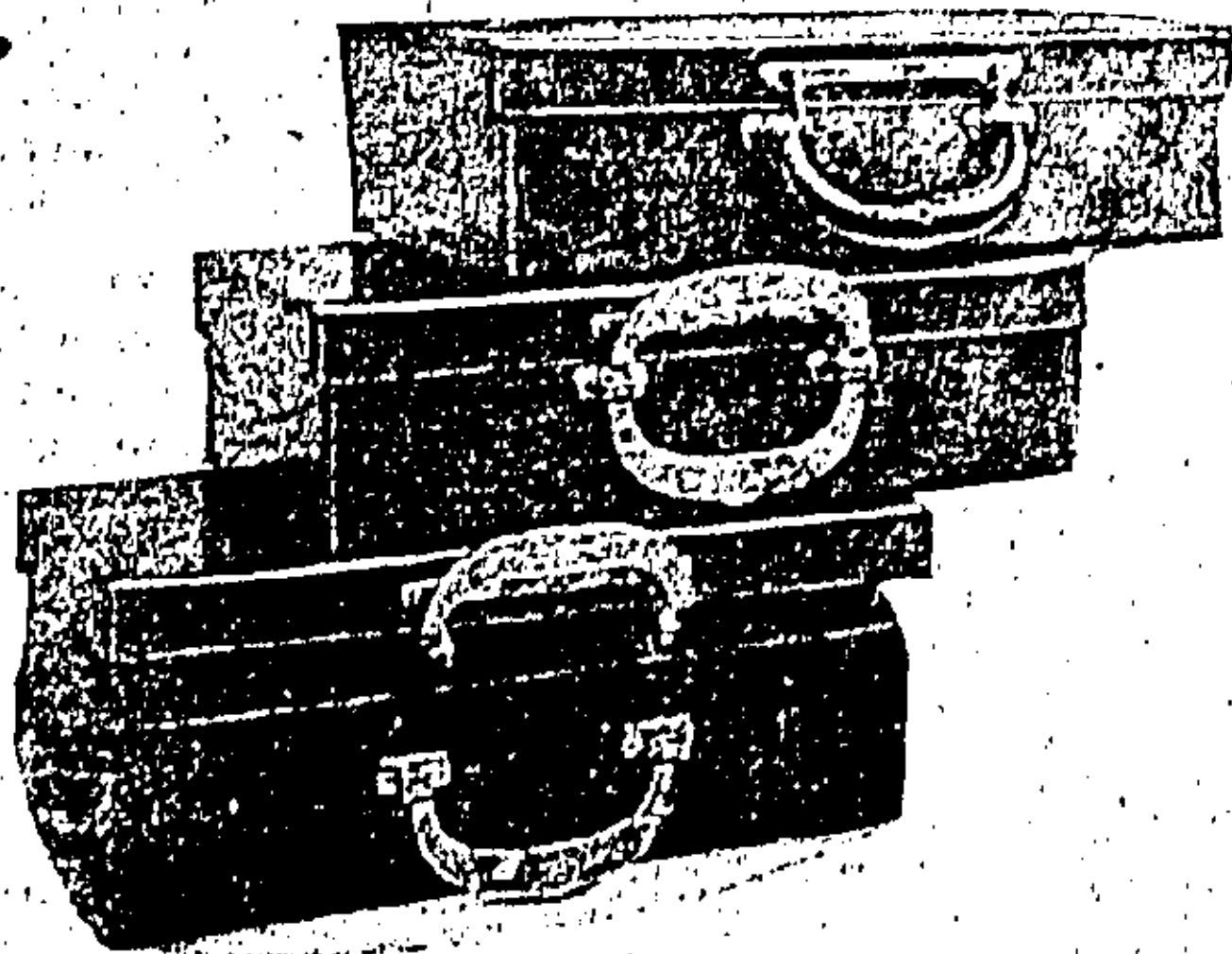
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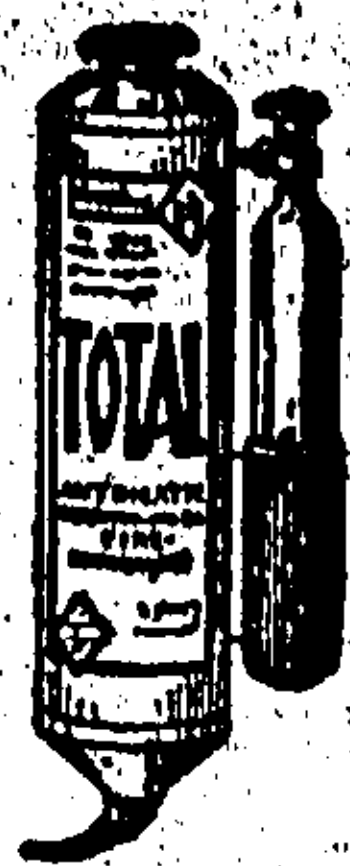


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MARRIAGE.

CHRISTIE-MITCHELL—On March 17th, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. H. V. Koop, Thomas Landale Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Christie of Cupar, Elfo, to Isabel Margaret Mitchell, daughter of the late E. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, of Hongkong.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1928.

THE WATCHMEN'S BILL.

More than four months after its first reading, the Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen now appears in amended form, together with revised draft regulations which it is proposed to make thereunder. We have looked closely into the alterations which have been made, since we penned our strong criticisms of the Ordinance in its original form, and it is with regret that we note the continued presence in the amended Bill of most of the objectionable features which inspired our comment in October last. When the Ordinance was first brought forward, we took exception (1) to the provision that no non-Chinese person should act as watchman unless registered, and that no one could employ an unregistered watchman, (2) to the decree that no watchman should act as a money-lender, (3) to the power of arrest given to watchmen, (4) to the destroying of the relationships of employer and employee by the fact that the watchmen were to receive their wages from the police after the employer had paid the money into the Treasury, and (5) to the power given to employers to report watchmen, for negligence or misconduct, to the Captain Superintendent of Police, who would be authorised to impose fines or other penalties. Under the amended Ordinance and regulations, these grievances remain practically untouched.

Some attempt has been made to regularise the position of watchmen vis-a-vis the police by making provision for two distinct classes—police watchmen and private watchmen. Both classes will have to register, but the choice of class is left to the discretion of the men. In the case of the police watchman, he is assured a minimum wage if his services are required, and he will also be subject to police supervision and receive a certain amount of elementary training. These things, however, do not apply to a

private watchman, who, although also compelled to register, carry a licence book and wear a badge, is in the position of an ordinary employee of a firm, excepting in regard to his powers of arrest, to which we shall refer more fully in a moment. Incidentally, we notice that by Clause 3 of the Ordinance, the Governor-in-Council is given power to make regulations providing for the "discipline and control" of all watchmen, although elsewhere it is specifically laid down that disciplinary measures can only be taken against police watchmen. The position of the police watchman under the Bill is, to our mind, most unsatisfactory. He is neither one thing nor the other. He can be regarded either as a hired policeman or as an ordinary watchman with a glorified police status. He certainly has to serve two masters, despite the Biblical dictum that no man can accomplish this satisfactorily, and despite the provision in the Ordinance which says that he may not, without permission, work for more than one employer. In the sense that he is not doing actual police work and is being indirectly paid by a firm or private individual, he is an ordinary watchman, but inasmuch as he is under discipline and can be punished for negligence, disobedience or misconduct, if found guilty by the C. S. P., who appears to have the powers of prosecutor, judge and jury combined—he can be considered as belonging to the police. That he should be employed and paid by one man and be liable to discipline, punishment and even dismissal by another, seems to us entirely wrong.

We note with satisfaction that employers are not, as was first suggested, to have the power of making entries in a watchman's licence book regarding his character, but they can still report police watchmen for negligence, misconduct, etc., with consequences which may mean the removal of a man's name from the register and consequent loss of occupation. On the money-lending prohibition we do not need to do more than once again object to it on principle as an unwarranted interference with a man's right to employ his money in any legal manner which he may see fit. We must, however, protest most strongly, against the powers of arrest given to every watchman, police or private. By the Ordinance, the powers conferred on watchmen in this regard are the same as those possessed by police officers. We can imagine few things more dangerous to the place such powers in the hands of ordinary civilian employees of the class concerned. Finally, we cannot see that any real case has been made out for this compulsory registration system, with its objectionable features of photographs, thumb-prints, etc., and the many cumbersome arrangements which it involves. If a plan cannot be devised which overcomes the main anomalies and difficulties to which we have alluded, it would be far better, in our opinion, to continue under the existing methods.

The China Situation.

Developments in China, as disclosed by the variety of news in the past two or three days, serve only to take us a little further along the road of speculation. The Nanking Government has accepted full responsibility for the Nanking incidents and, for the first time, a sincere effort to settle the matter to foreign satisfaction is well under way. That the Powers have modified the demands may be attributed to several causes, principal among which are reciprocity in the desire for a restoration of mutual confidence, and the passage of time, which has removed Communism from the platform of the Nationalists, and healed many of the wounds against foreign dignity. Prominently featured also is Marshal Li Chai-sun's "obedience to an order" to proceed to Nanking. The wisdom of his decision at the present juncture has been doubted, but the conclusion to be reached is that throughout Nationalist circles, the strong desire of peace and happy relations with the Powers is linked with a determination to add Peking to Nationalist territory. Peace without is anxiously sought, and before peace within. It is a proposition extraordinarily difficult of accomplishment, though it may be

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NO GREATER HANDICAP IN LIFE THAN A DISTINGUISHED FATHER.—*Engelman.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

The Empress of Canada left Vancouver on the 17th March and is due here on the 6th April.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 17th March at 6.30 p.m.

H.M.S. Hermes arrived in Hongkong from Home this morning after rest and secured a berth in the Naval Anchorage.

A workman at the Naval Yard was injured on Saturday by bricks dropping on his head from a building in course of construction. He was removed to hospital.

Falling off the roof of a house in Percival Street, on Saturday, a Chinese workman was fatally injured. He died soon after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

It is interesting to note in connection with the opening of the new Macao-Shekki road that the engineer under whom it was built was Mr. Lau, a B. Sc. the Hongkong University.

Shipping movements over the week-end included the s.s. Charles Hardouin from Taikoo Dock to wharf; s.s. Balundia to Kowloon Dock; s.s. Haldaar to Taikoo Dock; and s.s. Halvard to Taikoo.

Hongkong estate worth \$23,300 was left by Mr. Tam Yik-ku, who died at 269 Wanchai Road, Hongkong, on October 26th, 1926. Letters of administration have been granted to Tam Kwok-shi, the widow, residing at the same address.

While hurrying to the scene of a fire alarm, shortly after noon today, a Chinese constable was knocked down in Queen's Road West by a public car, No. 144. He was seriously injured in the head, and was removed to hospital. The driver of the car is being held for examination.

Negotiations relative to the employment of the s.s. Charles Hardouin and the s.s. Paul Beau on the West River run having failed through, it is announced that the Charles Hardouin will sail for Canton this evening. The Paul Beau will be undocked during the next week and resume duty on the Canton run.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 14 departures, with Chinese recording the best arrivals and British the highest departures. Tonnage was fair, with British registering the best proportion of the cargoes and the highest under both inward and through. There remained 68 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m., of which 28 were British.

Passengers from Hongkong on the Kashmir, which sailed on Saturday for home, include Mrs. K. W. Andrew, Mrs. L. H. Booth, Colonel and Mrs. Russell Brown, Lieut. Comdr. C. M. Faure, Major and Mrs. H. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gumbly, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. J. I. Hinton, Lieut. Comdr. C. St. O. Ingham, Mr. and Mrs. Langdon, Paym. Lieut. I. T. Ross and Paym. Lieut. T. H. Trust, II.N.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending March 10, issued by the Principal Civil Medical Officer, contains the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths: Plague, Suva 3 (1), Aden 158 (99), Bassora (5), Bombay (9), Rangoon 10, Colombo 1 (1), Singapore 1, Bangkok 1 (1), Calcutta 1, Bombay (1), Calcutta (101), Rangoon (4), Bangkok 8 (6), Saigon 10 (6), Tourane 1 (1), Small-pox, Basrah 4, Bombay 61 (22), Calcutta 30 (24), Madras 31 (10), Negapatam 1, Rangoon 35 (32), Vizagapatam 1, Pondicherry 3 (3), Belawan-Deli 3 (2), Bandjermeisan 1 (1), Pontianak 1, Saigon 1, Shanghai (0) and Fusan 1.

looked upon as consistent with the foreign impressions of the procedure in connexion with most things in China, that is to say, the Western black is China's white, and that Chinese methods run absolutely contrary to Western ideas. China has always worked along these lines and we suppose she always will. At the moment it is clear that throughout China North and South, the realisation that Great Britain and other Powers have China's interests at heart, is becoming thoroughly understood. We have been and still can be guided by the principle of making progress where progress is possible, but uncertainty will always exist until there is harmony in China's domestic affairs.

A GREAT LOVE STORY.

"SEVENTH HEAVEN" SHOWING AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

WONDERFUL FILM.

Once again the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd. is to be very heartily congratulated on its enterprise in obtaining for its patrons one of the really great artistic triumphs of the film industry. It is only a few weeks ago since that epoch-making film "Ben Hur" was shown at the Queen's Theatre, and now, even before it has had time to make for itself the household reputation which it is bound to enjoy, "7th Heaven" is being screened at the Colony's premier picture house. The film has come to Hongkong absolutely now—it is among the first to be released—so that cinema-goers here have special reason to be appreciative of the excellent service rendered by the Amusements company.

"Ben Hur" was great because it was a colossal production depicting one of the most appealing and graphic stories that has come down to us from out the historic days when Christianity was being founded. It was a great story of great events. But "7th Heaven" is a great film for an entirely different reason. It is a vivid portrayal of the beautiful love that grew up between a man and woman whose lots were cast in sordid and unlovely surroundings, whose environment would ordinarily make for harsh and cruel passions, but who nevertheless came upon the most wonderful experience which is given to mankind and who, in consequence, were lifted up into heaven. The world has been given many beautiful love stories—stories in which eloquence has been superbly employed to tell of the experiences of finely-poised natures, of loves that have risen to the very summit. And although the film has often been used for a like purpose, it is no exaggeration to say that never before has such a realistic portrayal of the highest human emotions been caught by the camera. And yet there is surprisingly little of the conventional screen love making. By some happy chance, this film, which is compounded of the same elements as so many others, possesses a unique dynamic quality and truly poetic beauty unlike anything which has preceded it. Perhaps the mystery of its quality lies in the simplicity of its theme and action, for although there are some spectacular and thrilling war scenes these are more or less incidental. The heart of the film is acted by only two people, slowly and naturally, and these two (Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell) have established a new high mark in the art of film histrionics. Theirs is indeed a wonderful combination.

Simply, the story is of a young woman who, when at the lowest depths of life as found in the slums of Paris, is befriended from the vicious cruelty of an elder sister by a man who works in the sewers of that city. He is not a sentimentalist and he censures himself for interfering in the affair. But she, experiencing the first kindly act in years, gives her heart to this self-opinionated sewer worker. When he lies to the police that she is his wife (in order to save her from being taken away as a wanton and vagrant) he tells her that she must soon clear out of the garret he has allowed her to share, as he does not wish to be mixed up in the matter. But she stays on, paying with devoted service for the respect and shelter he affords. And then, at last and almost in spite of himself, there grows within him a love equal to hers and they come to the rhapsody of a mutual recognition and avowal of it just before he is called to arms on the outbreak of war. There is great dramatic power in these splendidly-acted scenes. How each remains "looking up" through the long four years of war that follow and how the film goes on to a dramatic climax must not be told here. It is a screen story of such unusual quality that it has to be seen to be appreciated.

There are some excellent war scenes, notably that depicting the rush of taxicabs full of soldiers out of Paris to defend the city against the oncoming enemy. But, as stated above, the excellence of the film does not reside in its big scenes but in its intense appeal as a wonderful page out of life.

Janet Gaynor, as Diana, gives an incomparable display. She is one of the latest "discoveries" in filmland, being only 19 years of age, and she has in this one great picture landed at the very top of her profession. Charles Farrell, as Chico, is also splendid, and there is a specially well-chosen supporting cast, each of whom fit in perfectly. The film is directed by Frank Borzage to whom also

The Very Idea!

An old Scottish farmer was constantly pressed by a local insurance agent to insure against fire.

To all these entreaties the old man turned a deaf ear, and always replied to the other's cajoling by saying, "Na, na, ma hoose'll no gaun on fire."

But the unexpected happened one night, and the villagers were both amazed and amused at seeing the old fellow running up and down the street and shouting, "Whaur's that insurance chap who noo? It's terrible ye can never get a body when ye're needin' him!"

There are 532 millionaires in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, according to the latest Blue Book of the Inland Revenue Department, which gives the number of super-tax payers whose incomes amount to £50,000 per annum or more.

Prosecutor: What kind of dog was it?

Witness: It was called "Beauty," with brown and white spots, but I don't know what it was like.

Prosecutor: Did the bottle strike anybody?

Witness: Yes, the footpath.

Witness: The first night my daughter spent in hospital she didn't stay there.

Solicitor: Did you make a statement concerning this to another woman?

Female witness: Not whatever. I never opened my lips.

Witness: She's telling the truth, but I'm telling my truth, what I saw with me own eyes.

As most people know that the Prince of Wales is called "David" by his relatives and never "Edgie," there will be some interest in the Dowager Lady Radnor's claim in her newly published book of reminiscences that it was she who suggested this name. Lady Radnor believes the Britons are descended from the ten lost tribes and the royal family from King David; the chap who slew Goliath. She sent a message to the Queen, then Duchess of York, asking that if a son were born to her he should be called David. The Duchess liked the name, but "wondered what reason she could give" for calling her son by it. Lady Radnor suggested that it could be included among the other names of the four patron saints of these islands, and that, she writes, "is how the Prince of Wales came by the name of David."

"The time will come," shouted the speaker, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yes," said a little man in the corner. "Next Saturday night."

At the sitting of the Cumberland District School Management Committee there was some plain talk over the provision of boots for pupils in necessitous circumstances.

A party summoned as a defaulter stated the boy would attend when he got boots.

It was pointed out that the boy had received a pair of boots from the Committee in September last. The woman stated that she had supplied him with another pair of boots since then, and they were completely done also.

Rev. John Ogilvie—How can a boy go through two pairs of boots in that time? It seems inconceivable.

The woman stated that the right foot boot went with playing football.

The Chairman—You do not expect the Education Authority to provide boots to play football.

The woman stated the boy was also bothered with his chest, which kept him from school when it was raining.

Rev. J. Ogilvie—I would not be a party to giving boots to a boy who has had two pairs since September.

Mr. J. Smith—It is football boots we are being asked to provide.

must go high praise for the skill with which everything has been so well blended and balanced.

The film, which is on until Saturday, is being shown only three times daily (on account of its length), the times being 2.30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Slightly higher prices are being charged.

The orchestra is again under the direction of M. Grovino, and the music is a special feature of the entertainment.

A. M.

SCOTTISH RIFLE SHOOTING.

GUARDS WIN KEEN THREE-CORNERED CONTEST.

UNIQUE LOCAL EVENT.

A triangular shoot, arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer, between the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C., took place at Stonecutters on Sunday. The shooting was extremely good, and out of a possible score of 1,040, the Scots Guards scored 889, the King's Own Scottish Borderers 863 and the Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C. 820.

The teams consisted of eight men, the first event being the firing of Table "T", Part 2 which consisted of grouping (100 yards), 5 rounds; application (200 yards), 5 rounds; snaphooting (200 yards), 5 rounds; rapid (200 yards) 10 rounds; application (500 yards), 5 rounds.

The second event was the attack, the teams falling in at 400 yards firing point in full fighting kit. After the batts had been signalled, the teams loaded five rounds with sights to 300 yards. On the appearance of large silhouette targets, the men advanced to 300 yards and fired. After an interval of 20 seconds, during which sights were altered to 200 yards, the teams advanced and fired five rounds at 200 yards range, later firing at 100 yards.

The arrangements for the transport of the units were in the hands of Mr. R. M. Dyer and among those present were H.E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Lieut. Col. Sir Victor A. F. Mackenzie, D.S.O., M.V.O., Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Lt. Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., officers of the Scots Guards and King's Own Scottish Borderers, the President and Vice-President of St. Andrew's Society, Mr. R. M. Dyer and many others.

After the shoot, the whole company of about 200 sat down to hospital, provided by Mr. Dyer, tiffin being enlivened by selections played by the military and pipe bands of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

In a happy speech after tiffin, Mr. Dyer said he thought it was unique in the history of the Colony to have two Scottish battalions here. With regard to the Scots Guards, he thought this was the most distant station the regiment had ever been to.

Mr. Dyer presented cups to the winning team, the Scots Guards, and also awards to the K.O.S.B. and Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C. On behalf of the Scottish Company, Captain K. S. Morrison expressed thanks to Mr. Dyer for an enjoyable function, only made possible by Mr. Dyer's hospitality.

Sir Victor Mackenzie replied on behalf of the Scots Guards, also expressing warm thanks to Mr. Dyer. Similar sentiments were expressed by Lieut. Col. Comyn on behalf of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In conclusion, Lieut. Col. Comyn called upon the company to drink to the health of Mr. Dyer with Highland honours, the toast being received with acclamation and drunk with enthusiasm.

The officer in charge of the butts was 2nd Lieut. H. R. Forsyth, Scottish Company H.K.V.D.C., and the officer on the firing point was Lieut. A. Mackenzie, assisted by Company Sergeant Major D. J. Purves. Major Wolfe-Murray was the umpire.

Arrangements for the refreshments were in the hands of 2nd Lieut. Duncan, H.K.V.D.C., and Mr. C. Bond, assisted by many willing helpers.

MORE MENDICANTS DEPORTED.

THIS MORNING'S RAGGED PROCESSION.

This morning there was another big exodus of beggars from the Colony, some fifty being taken aboard a police launch and deported to Deep Bay.

The departure marked the close of a campaign conducted by the police officer in charge of the Hawkers Department. On Friday, he rounded up no fewer than twenty mendicants in the back alleys around New Street, and these with others collected at other times, were detained at the Central Police Station, prior to being shipped away and dispersed at various points at Deep Bay.

It was an interesting if somewhat ragged procession that wended its way to the embarkation point this morning. In it were included the main, the halt and the blind, while bringing up the rear was an old woman, who probably for the first time in her existence, was enjoying a free chair-ride made possible by the action of the authorities.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SHIELD FINAL.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to the remarks by "Wanderer" with regard to the date fixed for the playing of the Final of the Hongkong Football Shield. For the benefit of readers who may not perhaps be aware of it (as "Wanderer" omitted to mention the fact), may I mention that "Northey," their principal goal scorer, is a Service player, and is presumably leaving the Colony owing to the exigencies of the Service.

Surely a Club of the standing and membership of Kowloon F.C. does not desire to rely on Service players to win the Shield for them?

In my opinion, the date that any player happens not to be available to play, has no real bearing on the date fixed for any match to take place.—Yours, etc.,

INTERESTED.

Kowloon, Mar. 16th, 1928. [Note:—I fail to see that the Kowloon attitude with regard to Service players comes within the scope of the point made. In the K.F.C., as far as I have been able to see, no distinction exists between Service players and civilians, which makes for good sport and good feeling, a consideration perhaps which does not concern "Interested." No League rules are being broken.]

Presuming every statement made by the Telegraph's correspondent to be true in fact, the point stressed is not touched upon. I have stated that the H.K. Association by fixing the final of the Shield for April 7th, allowing an unprecedented interval of five weeks (previous dates were given) between the semi-final and final dates, in spite of a special request by the Kowloon Football Club, has rendered the Association liable to criticism on the score of prejudice. I still think so. No reason has been advanced to suggest that Saturday next would be inconvenient, or impolitic.

If prejudice does exist, the correspondent may have discovered the cause, though I made no attempt to do so.

The last paragraph, I venture to suggest, could be applied as emphatically for the argument as it has been used against—"Wanderer."

LICENSING HOURS.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's complaint against a local hotel for refusing to supply him with a drink after 11.50 p.m., one's sympathy is inclined towards the hotel keeper. As you point out in your leaderette on this subject, the licence states that "No liquor shall be sold or drunk upon any licensed premises except between 8 a.m. and 12 o'clock, midnight." To serve a drink after 11.50 p.m. is courting trouble if our licensing or police authorities acted strictly in accordance with the law—the drink may or may not have been served before 12 o'clock, but it certainly would not have been drunk by that time.

A hotel keeper is wise in allowing a reasonable margin of time between accepting an order for a drink and its consumption, although I do think that our police authorities would be perfectly reasonable if they found persons drinking on licensed premises after hours so long as they were satisfied that no drinks had been sold after 12 o'clock. It would be presumption, however, on the part of a hotel keeper to depend upon an act of grace on the part of any police official who might happen to pay the establishment a visit.

In England the letter of the law is strictly enforced and all drinks not consumed by closing time are unceremoniously removed—and the consumer as well, if necessary. A hotel or restaurant keeper is no desirous to do all the business he can, and his reason, based on experience, for declining to serve drink after 11.50 may be assumed to be a perfectly good one.

What I cannot understand is why should European licensed houses be restricted to 12 o'clock while Chinese restaurants are unrestricted. Why cannot Hongkong have unrestricted licensed European and Chinese establishments and thus put an end to these grandmothers' licensing restrictions?—Yours, etc.,

B. B. Hongkong, March 17th, 1928.

Sir John Richard Hall, who has died in his 62nd year, succeeded his uncle in 1913. He served in the Irish Guards and the Goldstream Guards and subsequently published his historical works on the Bourbon Restoration, England and the Orleans Monarchy, and some famous historical mysteries.

TARIFF AUTONOMY QUESTION.

JAPANESE MINISTER'S OPINIONS.

LIKIN ABOLITION STILL A DEAD LETTER.

AN EVIL SYSTEM.

Peking, Mar. 12. "The Customs question in China is of great importance" and it is also a matter of extreme complexity. Viewed from a standpoint of commerce that has a close relation to the customs question, I believe that Japan must take into consideration not only Japan's commercial relations with China, but also China's commercial relations with other foreign Powers, said Mr. Ken-ichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister to Peking, in the course of his interview with the local Japanese press representatives to-day.

Continuing, Mr. Yoshizawa said: "It was in order to restore China's international credit and to promote the interest of the Chinese people in general that the delegates of the Powers concerned deliberately discussed matters relevant to the consolidation of China's debts and the abolition of the likin system at the Special Tariff Conference which was called in Peking in 1924.

Evils of Likin.

"It goes without saying that likin not only obstructs and deals a blow to foreign Powers' trade with China, but is detrimental to the Chinese people themselves. In order to embody the abolition of the likin system in the Anglo-Chinese, Sino-Japanese and Sino-American Commercial Treaties, a resolution was adopted at the Tariff Conference that likin be abolished by January 1, 1929, when Customs autonomy is to be enforced.

"Though the Chinese delegation to the Tariff Conference submitted a draft plan to abolish likin in separate terms, the plan has proved a dead letter. It is a great regret that China has not yet taken any steps towards this.

"It may be safely said that most of the likin taxes which are being collected in various localities in China can be regarded as illegal taxes. It is absolutely necessary to end this illegal taxation from the standpoint of the Powers' trade with China. It must be avoided to give a conclusion to the Customs plan without taking the foregoing points into account at this time when the question of the enforcement of a national and a transitory tariff is being seriously considered by both Chinese and foreigners.

National Tariff.

"The enforcement of a transitory and a national tariff can be construed as aiming at the increase in the national revenue rather than the development of Chinese industry. Unless the increased revenue be properly employed for the interests of China the increase in the revenue would be entirely meaningless. I hope that both the Northern and Southern authorities will give a most careful consideration to the foregoing points, though the present circumstances may be somewhat different from those prevailing at the time of the Tariff Conference.

"At any rate, we desire that China will restore Customs Autonomy by such means as to promote the interests of both China and the foreign Powers, and with this end in view, I intend to adhere to the principle of the Agreement reached at the Tariff Conference. Should Japan approve of the enforcement of a statutory and a transitory tariff, without bearing this principle in mind and without obtaining assurance from China, it would be fruitless for both China and Japan. I fear it might be rather harmful. This is evident from the results of the enforcement of the 2.5 per cent. surtax.

"The Arms Embargo. "Japan is strictly observing the Arms Embargo Agreement towards China. For the interests of the Chinese masses, I can hardly approve of supplying China with funds which are necessary for warfare any more than arms."

The first roar of opposition to the proposed increase in Customs Levy by the Peking Government was to-day raised by Chinese business men.

It has been the target of general opposition for some time in the past, since the arrangement was first introduced. The reason of the opposition has been that not only the proposed increase in Customs levy is a heavy burden to the people of China, who are the consumers, but it will raise the price of commodities.

The Amalgamated Chinese Chambers of Commerce to-day sent a protest to the Customs Tariff Autonomy Commission, saying that all of the Chinese business men in China had been insisting upon the simultaneous enforcement of increase in Customs tariff and the abolition of likin, and now, as their expectation is being threatened to be frustrated they further declared that they are absolutely in opposition to the proposed increase.—Tolo.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT REPORTS.

NO NEWS OF AVIATORS YET.

New York, Mar. 17. The report of hearing an aeroplane near Greenville, referred to yesterday night from Ottawa, up to now lacks confirmation. The neighbourhood is a wilderness with a few scattered lumber camps. Both the Canadian and United States Governments are considering sending an aeroplane to investigate but hesitate until reports are better founded.—Reuters' American Service.

Ottawa, Mar. 18. A Canadian Air Force plane has been dispatched to Greenville to investigate the possibility of Hinchliffe having descended there.—Reuters' American Service.

Majestic's Report.

London, Mar. 17. A gleam of hope for the missing Atlantic fliers, Captain Hinchliffe and Miss Mackay is afforded by a statement that a large aeroplane was seen flying on Thursday morning over wooded country in Maine, about fifty miles from the Canadian border and appeared to descend there. Search is being made at the instance of the State Department at Washington.

Apart from this, hope is virtually abandoned. There is still a slight possibility of the fliers having been picked up by a ship without wireless. The steamer Majestic, which reached Cherbourg yesterday from New York, reported that on Tuesday, when the flight began, a sharp look out was kept for the fliers but no aeroplane was seen.

The weather was very bad and there was a snowstorm. In the storm, Capt. Hinchliffe's machine might have been forced down into the ocean.—British Wireless.

WILBUR PLAYERS.

POPULAR COMPANY COMING BACK.

Returning to the Colony after a very successful tour of Malaya, Burma and India, the popular American Company, the Wilbur Players, will begin a farewell season in the Star Theatre on Tuesday, April 3rd. Their previous visit to the Colony about a year ago is still remembered with keen pleasure. They should meet with equal, if not greater, success during their coming season, as they are returning with a repertoire of new plays that are entirely different from their former pieces. The new plays comprise the big Broadway success "The Sap," the great New York detective story, "Handcuffed," the London comedy sensation, "Three Live Ghosts," and the delightfully amusing farce "Her Wedding Night." The company will also present "Charley's Aunt," which they staged before but which can be seen again and again. Admission will be at the popular prices of 2s, 3s and 4s. Booking will be at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

THE BIG FILM.

TWO APPRECIATED FEATURES.

An enjoyable interlude during the screening of the big film, "7th Heaven" at the Queen's Theatre last night was the singing of "Diane" by Miss Allen Woods, who was loudly applauded. Miss Woods, will sing this song, which was specially written for the story, at the 6 and 9.15 performances during the remainder of the season.

Another feature of the current programme at the Queen's which is being much appreciated is the special music of the orchestra under Mr. Grovini, who is making his first appearance since his illness. Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the exceptional length of the picture, only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15. Advance booking for the dress circle is open in the lobby of the Queen's Theatre for the entire season.

INFATUATION FOR AN INDIAN.

Louis Sidney Rayner, of Birchington-road, West Hampstead, summoned at Marylebone Police Court for threatening to give Silvester Wickramasinghe, a young Indian, "the soundest thrashing of his life," was bound over.

Wickramasinghe, it was stated, was entertained by Mr. Rayner at his house. He forced his attentions upon Mr. Rayner's daughter, Mr. Rayner protested strongly, but by that time the daughter had become infatuated and was disinclined to sever the relationship. Mr. Rayner, finding persuasion useless, became so exasperated that he used the threats.

The girl, it was stated, was 21, and Mr. Rayner, the magistrate, said that if she was 21 she could marry a man of any colour she liked.

TWO JOURNALISTS ARRESTED.

CANTON LABOUR GUILD ACTION RESENTED.

A PRESS PROTEST.

The arrest of two Chinese journalists by a party of officials of the Kwangtung General Labour Guild, in Canton, on Friday, has caused much criticism in newspaper circles in the city, according to a vernacular report.

It appears that while two journalists, named Au Ha-yuk and Li Shuk-ping, were leaving a tea-house in Canton, they were approached by a party of more than ten men, who alleged that they were representatives of the Kwangtung General Labour Guild. These men stated that they were going to take the two journalists to the police for circulating news detrimental to the good name of their Guild. They thereupon seized the journalists.

It is stated by the representatives of the Labour Guild that the arrested journalists some time ago sent a report of the result of a certain meeting of the Guild, to a Chinese paper, this report stating that, as a result of the meeting, the Guild decided to send representatives to Nanking.

When the party arrived at the Public Safety Bureau the representatives of the Labour Guild asserted that the statements in the article were entirely false. The journalists admitted that they had sent the report to the Chinese paper, but added that the news was furnished to them by a Commissioner of the Guild.

After hearing both sides, the officials of the Public Safety Bureau ordered that the parties should go to see the Commissioner of Labour Affairs, Mr. Ma Chiu-chun. This they did, but it appears that one of the journalists is still detained by the Labour Bureau.

An extraordinary meeting of the members of the Canton Journalists' Association decided to appeal to the authorities for the release of the detained man.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 18.	
Paris	124
Brussels	35.01 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.405
Copenhagen	18.21 1/2
Oslo	18.285
Prague	164.21/32
Lisbon	2
Bucharest	787
Shanghai	2/3 1/4
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
New York	48.31/32
Geneva	25.34 1/2
Milan	92.405
Stockholm	18.18 1/2
Helsingfors	193.775
Vienna	34.635
Madrid	28.85
Athens	368
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/5 63/64
Hongkong	2/3 1/4
Silver (spot)	23.7/16
Silver (forward)	20 1/4

—British Wireless.

Aged 101, the death has occurred of Mr. William Millerick, of Kilkenny, Killeagh, Co. Cork, a prominent figure in the Fenian movement.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

- Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.
- 1 Why is the flag over the Admiralty building in Whitehall never lowered?
 - 2 What manifestation of disapproval in Parliament has been especially forbidden for more than three centuries?
 - 3 What discovery has just been made in connection with early printing in England?
 - 4 Where is a "Derby" with tortoiseshell instead of horses held regularly every year?
 - 5 Which bridge over the Thames is more used than any other?
 - 6 How old is the Red Cross as a symbol of nursing, and who originated it?
 - 7 What English word has so many meanings that the Oxford Dictionary has to use 80,000 words to explain them?
 - 8 What rare gas has just been located by means of the diving rod, and where?
 - 9 What remarkable device is being employed to safeguard the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral?
 - 10 Where is there a gold throne studded with 22,000 pearls and patterned with rubies and emeralds?
 - 11 What scientist is planning a fantastic voyage beyond the earth?
 - 12 What was the origin of the term steeplesauce?

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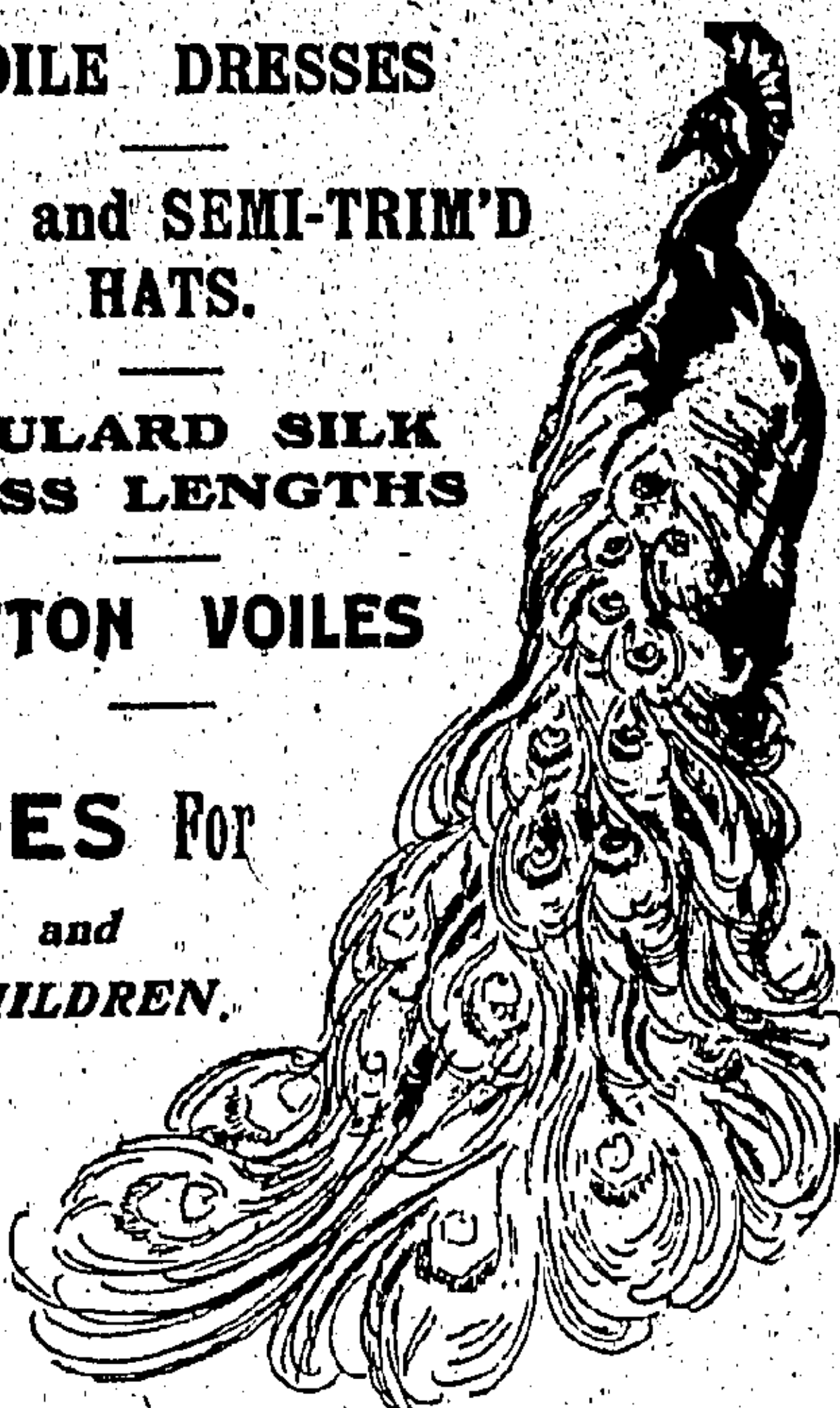
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

LEAGUE PROBLEM UNSETTLED.

WOULD-BE RUNNERS-
UP DEFEATED.

CLUB DEFEAT RECRCIO.

[By "Wanderer,"]

Four Senior League games were played on Saturday, two having a bearing on the runners-up position. In both cases, the candidates were defeated, the K.O.S.B. going down by 2-0 to the league leaders, while Kowloon put an end to the pretensions of the Royal Artillery.

The decision has yet to be made, though there can be little doubt that the honour will go to either the Borderers or the Scots Guards. Interest in league football for this season has now been suspended for all practical purposes.

The results were:

Senior Division.		
Recreio	2	H.K.F.C. 3
Kowloon	1	R.A. 0
Chinese Ath.	2	K.O.S.B. 0
Police	0	Queen's 0
Junior Division.		
Kowloon	1	R.A. Res. 1
Recreio	0	K.O.S.B. 0

GOSANO GOALLESS.

Club Leave King's Park With Two Points.

Although five goals were scored on the Recreio ground, Gosano failed to find the net, and in this one may find the reason for the Recreio's defeat. Jimmy Stewart police-manned him delightfully, always being in the vicinity when the Recreio got on the move and at the same time never neglecting his forwards.

The Recreio attacked far more consistently than their opponents, and their fast raiding was always dangerous, but in a game which fluctuated to a remarkable extent, their shooting was not good, while it must be said for the Club that they took their chances.

Vickers opened the scoring for the visitors with a shot from close range after Logan, deputising for Rodger, had twice brought off capital saves. The Recreio retaliated vigorously and the Club goal had many narrow escapes.

Eventually the Recreio equalised in the simplest manner, Rocha deflecting a ball from Assumpcao past Logan, the same player putting his side ahead with a terrific shot soon after the second half had begun.

With the Recreio playing a strong forward game, the Club chances at this period did not appear too rosy, but the defence stood up to the terrific pace in great style, Bishop, Watson and Stewart being conspicuous in averting particularly dangerous situations.

Eventually Taylor broke clean through on the right and cutting in crashed the ball past Fernandes from close range, and before the end from a movement initiated by Stewart, Taylor scored his side's third goal in much the same manner.

Taylor and Alexander, the Club right wing, were the principal source of danger to the Recreio, but Xavier played a capital game, and it was unfortunate for him that on the two occasions on which he was guilty of an error of judgment, goals accrued.

The Club relied on their dash to carry them through and their forwards were always threatening.

THE ONLY GOAL.

Kowloon Add Two Further Points.

The Royal Artillery were still in the running for the runner-up position in the League until they went to Kowloon on Saturday. Kowloon defeated them by the only goal of the match, the home side confirming their recent improvement in no uncertain manner, though the margin of victory was not great.

Kowloon had the better of the game throughout. The R.A. were always dangerous, but their movements were not marked by the methodical constructive ability exhibited by Kowloon, whose half-backs had a fairly close grip on the game throughout.

Northey scored a typical goal shortly before the interval, burst-

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

PALACE HOTEL TOURNAMENT.

The following entries have been received and handicaps allotted for the Palace Hotel billiards handicap. Play will commence on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and a second game will follow at 9 p.m. on consecutive nights, until the tournament is completed.—F. Jones (-250), F. E. Silva (-150), W. W. Dalton (-150), L. V. Antonio (-150), S. J. Bradsell (-150), J. M. V. Ribeiro (-150), S. M. Cruz (-150), M. M. Silva (-150), A. Lewis (-100), P. Castilho (-100), A. Baptista (-100), E. A. V. Remedios (-100), W. Howells (-100), A. M. Holland (-50), J. W. Lee (-50), W. Stevenson (-50), F. W. Black (-50), J. C. Remedios (-50), C. H. Brown (-50), A. F. da Cunha (-50), W. Ogley (-50), A. W. Graves (scratch), F. M. Pereira (scratch), A. G. Locke (scratch), W. Gossett (scratch), L. V. Xavier (scratch), J. F. Lloyd (scratch), J. Beach (scratch), F. Broadberry (scratch), H. Goddard (-450).

ing between the backs and netting with an unstoppable shot. Time and again he came near with similar efforts, while Kernock and Muir had had luck when Kowloon were exerting severe pressure.

The visitors retaliated with long swinging passes which sometimes caught the Kowloon defence sprawling, but their hurried movements were in some measure responsible for the inefficiency in the region of goal.

Leach led the R.A. forwards in capital style, distributing the ball with considerable judgment, but he was rarely allowed to run into position for a good shot and generally speaking the Kowloon defences were masters of the situation.

Fletcher had much more to do than Angus, though both custodians dealt with some "leasers." Kernock's display at inside-right was well up to the fine standard he has set himself in the recent Shield games, and since he is in such brilliant form, it may be noted that he will be in Kowloon's team for the final, rumour to the contrary notwithstanding.

Chinese Avenged.

The Chinese Athletic avenged themselves for their Shield defeat by scoring twice against the Borderers without reply. After a goalless first half, the Chinese played up strongly and scored through Ip Kau and Chan Kwong-lu.

In a fast interesting game, the Borderers could claim a fair measure of the game. In midfield, their work appeared to be much more effective, but their old weakness in front of goal asserted itself, and their attack lacked the punch of their opponents.

The Chinese half-backs were in great form throughout and laid the foundation for the victory by their unflinching defence in the first half when the Borderers showed most persistence.

Draw With Nine Men.

The Police only fielded nine men against the Queen's Royal Regiment, and achieved a draw, no goals being scored. The Queen's failed sheerly on account of a lamentable weakness in the vicinity of goal.

On countless occasions it appeared that the Police goal must fall in the face of constant pressure, but either Clark brought off a brilliant save, or shots were put hopelessly wide. The Police numerical deficiency naturally spoilt any prospects of an interesting game from the spectators' point of view, but they endeavoured to break through by spasmodic raids, and with a little luck might have secured both points, there being several occasions when the Queen's goalkeeper must have felt very doubtful of the possibilities.

As expected the K.O.S.B. Reserves won easily against the Recreio Reserves. On the Kowloon ground, the R.A. Reserves took away a point, which was scarcely deserved on the run of the play.

Charity Match.

In a charity football match yesterday, the Sacred Heart defeated the Royal Navy by 3 goals to two, after leading by 1-0 at the interval. Fung King-cheong, Ip Pak-wa and Suen Kam-shun scored for the College, while Cobb and Northey netted for the sailors.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 24th) set but in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 25-September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
March 24th.

CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Huddersfield v Sheffield U.
Blackburn v Arsenal.
Hibernians v Rangers.
Celtic v Queen's Park.

Bolton v Leicester.
Wednesday v Liverpool.

Chelsea v Manch. City.
Reading v Leeds.
West Brom. v Preston.

Cry. Palace v Swindon.
Southend v Plymouth.
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Cry. Palace	v.	Swindon
Southend	v.	Plymouth
Nelson	v.	Bradford C.

GERMANY AND THE WAR.

FLOOD OF PROPAGANDIST LITERATURE.

At this moment, when the relations between England and Germany are a subject of considerable public discussion, the country is again being flooded with literature intended to explode the "myth" of Germany's war guilt. Pamphlets written in English, but printed in Germany, are being circulated bearing such titles as: "Confutation of the Lies about German Atrocities during the War"; "Germany's Wrong to Belgium—a Myth"; "Americans Testify against the Old Lie of Germany's Responsibility for the War"; "Poincare, the Grave-digger of Europe"; "The Great Fraud."

These propagandist sheets are evidently numerous, as a set which has reached the Morning Post comprises numbers ranging from 24 to 232. In one corner, with the number, is printed the word "English"; apparently the pamphlets are being sent out in several different languages. They are printed by the "Fichte Association" (Fichte-Bund), Hamburg, and are obtainable free from the secretary. Recipients are requested to distribute them among their friends.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

DOUBLE WIN FOR THE
"TAMAR."

Talkoo Rifle Club finished their League fixtures on Saturday with a triangular shoot against H.M.S. Tamar and 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. Rifle Clubs. The result was a double win for Tamar and a win for Talkoo. The scores were as follows:

Talkoo Rifle Club.		200	500	600	Total
Mr. Bone	.....	24	83	25	82
Mr. Grimshaw	.....	23	25	25	73
Mr. Maxwell	.....	29	34	31	94
Mr. McIndoe	.....	32	27	28	87
Mr. McLennan	.....	27	38	30	95
Mr. Summers	.....	32	32	31	95
Mr. Swan	.....	29	30	30	89
Mr. Walmesley	.....	28	31	20	85
Total	.....	224	245	210	685

H.M.S. Tamar.

C. P. O. Gally	.....	32	31	31	94
Sgt. Riddler	.....	34	28	33	95
Sgt. Bishop	.....	29	28	25	82
Cpl. Jenkins	.....	10	34	10	72
Cpl. Burnet	.....	33	31	23	92
Mne. Countor	.....	30	27	21	78
P. O. Greening	.....	29	32	33	89
Sgt. Hillaby	.....	25	26	31	82
Total	.....	231	237	215	683

Plus 4% For Open Sights .. 20

Grand Total 703

2nd Bn. K.O.S.B.

Sgt. Barham	.....	28	32	21	81
Sgt. Watts	.....	27	24	10	61
Sgt. Yardley	.....	21	20	22	63
Sgt. Cooke	.....	27	28	20	75
Spl. M. Gill	.....	29	29	24	84
L/Cpl. Oxenham	.....	28	28	30	86
Pte. Stoward	.....	20	28	30	84
Pte. Lindores	.....	20	26	18	70
Total	.....	212	221	174	607

Plus 4% For Open Sights .. 24

Grand Total 631

HEARTY RECEPTION OF BANNED PLAY.

BEAUTY AND DELICACY IN
"YOUNG WOODELEY."

One can only surmise that it was at the express wish of the Headmasters' Association that "Young Woodley," a play at the Arts Theatre Club, written by John van Druten and produced by Mr. Basil Dean, has been, for the present at any rate, banned by the Censor. One can quite realise it would not do in a school. Its satire upon the particular type of schoolmaster represented—one of the commonest types—is at once so keen and true that half the teaching-staff would not have the face to appear next day.

From the moral point of view, however, for an adult audience there is not a vestige of harm. It is, at the heart of it, an exquisitely delicate, sincere, and beautiful treatment of adolescent love. A prefect of seventeen—sensitive and given to writing poetry in the school magazine, for which he gets ruthlessly "chipped"—has fallen in love with the Irish girl-wife of his middle-aged and tyrannous prig of a housemaster.

Both she and the boy are "lonely souls"; and she, too sympathetic, lets him read a sonnet he has written—not at all a bad sonnet, by the way. Of course, it is about her. Foolishly, she lets him confess. Upon the first diffident kiss of this academic Paolo and Francesca enters the amazed pedagogue. He says exactly what would have been expected of him to the "young pup."

Heart-Rending Scene.

Afterwards, in the prefects' study, young Woodley goes with a table-knife for a fellow-prefect who had made vulgar insinuations. Thereupon his father—a golfing soap merchant—is sent for, and, after a heart-rending scene between the wife and the boy, takes him away to "put him in the business."

About all this—save for its obvious inadvisability for schools—there is no more trace of a nasty mind that there is about Esmond's love for Lady Castlewood. In view of some recent admitted plays, the banning of "Young Woodley" is an irony that would be delicious if it were not pathetic. There is some of the finest acting to be seen on our stage—above all from "Mr. Frank Lawton" as young "Woodley" himself. Miss Kathleen Regan as the young wife, and Mr. David Horns as the perfect schoolmaster-housemaster. One of the other prefects has to be an unpleasant character to deserve the knife, but he is just as true, and could be tempered to taste.

The play was received with unexceptional enthusiasm.

Vicar of Irchester. Northants, since 1903, the Rev. William John Bewglass Kerr, aged 73, an authority on church architecture and archaeology, has died.

COLLISION IN MID-AIR.

R. A. F. OFFICER KILLED.

PARACHUTE SAVES ANOTHER.

A collision during manoeuvres in mid-air at Chel, near Folkestone, last month, between two single-seater Glebe machines of the 25th Squadron, Royal Air Force, stationed at Hawkinge, resulted in the death of one pilot and the narrow escape of another.

The collision occurred at a height of about 800 feet, and both aeroplanes crashed to earth out of control. One caught fire and was burnt to a cinder, the other was badly smashed.

Pilot Officer Eric James Watson received terrible injuries from which he died in less than an hour. The other pilot, Flying Officer Leonard A. Walsh, escaped uninjured. He jumped from his machine and was carried some distance away by his parachute.

Pilot Officer Watson also jumped clear of his plane, but evidently he jumped too late for the parachute to become effective.

Horrid Spectators.

People in the town had been watching the manoeuvring planes and were horrified when they saw the collision. The machines crashed some distance apart in a meadow close to the main Folkestone-Dover road.

Many persons immediately ran to the scene. They found no trace of the airman of one of the machines, while the other plane was burning fiercely and was unapproachable. Lying just clear of the roaring mass, however, was Pilot Officer Watson.

His parachute was wrapped round him. The rescuers made an improvised stretcher with a piece of the wreckage, and carried the dying man to the roadside, where he was placed in an ambulance and to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. He died almost immediately after being admitted.

The exact cause of the collision is unknown. The machines were carrying out aerial evolutions as usual, when apparently the wings of one fouled the wings of the other. At once the machines became unmanageable and nosedived to the ground. It was all over in a moment.

Flying Officer Walsh was carried over a mile from the scene of the accident and was almost carried over the cliffs into the sea.

Caught in Wires.
Mr. T. Sayer, who lives close to the field in which the machines crashed, said: "I heard a crash, and on looking up I saw the two machines close together. They then nose-dived, and from one of the machines I saw the pilot jump out. His parachute opened almost at once, and he was carried over me, and I thought he was going out into the sea. Then I saw that the telegraph wires which ran along the side of the road had caught his parachute, and stopped him going over the cliffs."

"The other officer did not jump until too late and his parachute did not open. His machine fell and burst into flames. But as appeared to be exploding in the fire."

A workman said that he saw the first officer jump, but that the other did not do so until the machine was about 800ft. from the ground, and then it was too late. "I do not think he jumped," he said, "until his machine had burst into flames."

The 25th Squadron has been singularly free from accidents, the last one happening over a year ago.

AUSTRALIA ALARMED.

ADVERSE BALANCE IN TRADE
WITH UNITED STATES.

Canberra, Feb. 14.
Mr. Pratten, the Minister for Trade and Customs, speaking in Parliament to-day, said that the figures for trade with the United States for the past year were startling, and showed an increasingly adverse balance over figures which had previously been regarded as serious.

Exports, excluding gold, during the year 1926-1927 had amounted to \$3,500,000, as compared with \$10,000,000 in the previous year, whereas imports for the same period amounted to \$41,500,000 and \$37,250,000 respectively. One quarter of the imports were represented by motor-cars, and the remainder included a large proportion of luxuries, such as sporting equipment, wireless equipment, and gramophones. The exports were mainly wool and furred skins. It was hoped that the recently imposed tariff on furs would result in the creation of a substantial industry in Australia engaged in making up furs into the finished article.

HOME FOOTBALL.

POINTS DIVIDED IN MANY MATCHES.

Full results of Saturday's football matches, as cabled by Reuters, are as follows:

Division I.

Arsenal	3	Blackburn	2
Aston Villa	1	Birmingham	1
Burnley	2	Bolton	1
Bury	4	Wednesday	0
Derby	0	Huddersfield	0
Leicester	1	Everton	0
Liverpool	1	Cardiff	0
Portsmouth	1	Manchester U.	0
Sheff. U.	4	Middlesbrough	0
Sunderland	1	Newcastle	0
West Ham	1	Tottenham	1

Division II.

Barnsley	2	West Brom	4
Fulham	2	Clapton	0
Hull	0	Reading	1
Leeds	0	Notts. County	0
Manchester C.	2	Grimsby	0
Notts. Forest	2	Oldham	0
Port Vale	0	Stoke	1
Preston	2	Blackpool	1
St. Helens	1	Southampton	1
Swansea	0	Cheltenham	0
Wolves	5	Bristol C.	2

Division III (South).

Bristol R.	1	Exeter	2
Charlton	0	Crystal Pal.	4
Coventry	2	Brighton	2
Gillingham	1	Southend	0
Merthyr	1	Norwich	1
Newport	4	Bournemouth	3
Plymouth	4	Torquay	2
Queen's P. R.	3	Leamington	1
Swindon	1	Brentford	1
Walsall	1	Northants	1
Walsley	0	Millwall	3

Division III (North).

Accrington	1	Rochdale	1
Ashington	2	Wrexham	1
Bradford C.	3	Tranmere	1
Crewe	4	Chesterfield	0
Darlington	5	Durham	0
Doncaster	0	Southport	1
Hull	1	Bradford	1
Hartlepool	4	Lincoln	0
Lincoln	4	Barrow	0
New Brighton	0	Stockport	0
Wigan	0	Rotherham	0

Scottish League.

Bo'ness	0	Aberdeen	0
Celtic	2	Heart of Midlothian	1
Dunfermline	2	Clyde	1
Falkirk	4	Raith R.	1
Hibernians	2	Rangers	1
Kilmarnock	1	Dundee	0
Motherwell	1	St. Johnstone	0
Partick	0	Airdrieonians	0
Queen's Park	4	Hamilton	0
St. Mirren	3	Cowdenburgh	2

Full League Tables.

The following tables show the position of the teams in the various Leagues. Mid-week and Saturday's matches have been taken into account in their compilation.

Division I.

Huddersfield	32	18	6	8	75	50	42
Everton	33	14	0	9	76	54	38
Cardiff	33	15	8	10	65	53	38
Leicester	33	15	7	11	72	60	37
Bolton	33	14	11	6	65	52	36
Blackburn	33	13	9	11	67	57	35
Newcastle	32	12	10	10	66	54	34
Burnley	34	14	5	15	63	75	33
Sunderland	31	12	8	11	63	67	32
Arsenal	31	12	8	11	68	70	32
Tottenham	32	13	6	13	63	64	31
West Ham	32	12	8	13	65	62	32
Bury	31	12	7	14	68	72	31
Liverpool	33	14	9	13	73	67	31
Birmingham	33	13	11	11	65	61	31
Aston Villa	31	12	6	13	62	62	30
Derby	32	11	8	13	63	68	30
Middlesbrough	33	10	10	13	69	71	30
Manchester U.	32	11	7	14	69	70	29
Sheff. U.	32	11	7	14	69	72	29
Portsmouth	32	11	7	14	69	72	29
Wednesday	32	10	10	16	65	67	22

Division II.

Chelsea	33	29	6	6	63	31	47
Manchester C.	33	19	6	8	48	44	44
Preston	33	18	8	7	45	44	44
Leeds	33	19	6	8	51	44	44
Stoke	32	16	7	9	58	48	42
Oldham	32	16	6	10	60	37	38
West Brom.	33	14	9	8	57	37	37
Notts. Forest	31	14	6	11	67	61	34
Port Vale	32	14	4	13	67	43	34
Bury	31	14	2	17	68	32	32
Liverpool	33	14	9	13	73	67	31
Birmingham	33	13	11	11	65	61	31
Aston Villa	31	12	6	13	62	62	30
Derby	32	11	8	13	63	68	30
Middlesbrough	33	10	10	13	69	71	30
Manchester U.	32	11	7	14	69	70	29
Sheff. U.	32	11	7	14	69	72	29
Portsmouth	32	11	7	14	69	72	29
Wednesday	32	10	10	16	65	67	22

Division III (South).

Millwall	32	21	6	9	48	45	42
Northants	30	18	6	8	41	48	42
Plymouth	32	17	6	10	49	45	40
Exeter	32	14	9	8	53	42	37
Brighton	32	14	9	9	64	55	37
Queen's P. R.	32	15	6	11	54	41	36
Swindon	32	14	7	8	55	42	35
Newport	31	14	7	10	64	54	35
Crystal Pal.	32	13	9	10	59	65	35
Southend	31	14	4	13	55	64	32
Brentford	33	15	5	15	66	61	31
Gillingham	30	11	8	14	48	51	30
Charlton	30	10	10	12	42	54	30
Bournemouth	31	7	13	17	57	60	29
Walsall	31	10	11	11	61	62	28
Swindon	31	10	7	13	65	64	28
Bristol R.	31	11	8	16	75	71	25
Coventry	31	8	9	16	63	71	24
Walsall	31	8	9	16	63	71	24
Torquay	32	6	10	19	68	81	22
Luton	30	8	5	17	66	74	21

Division III (North).

Bradford	33	21	9	3	46	52	53
Doncaster	32	19	5	8	53	54	53
Stockport	32	17	6	8	62	59	40
Tranmere	31	17	7	8	55	50	39
Darlington	31	17	4	10	70	64	38
Bradford C.	33	14	0	9	72	51	38
Lincoln	33	17	4	11	68	59	38
Southport	32	17	3	12	65	51	37
Accrington	33	14	8	11	63	54	36
Wrexham	33	15	5	10	65	51	35
Hull	32	11	11	10	62	58	33

FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCHES.

CLUB OVERWHELS THE SERVICES.

The league cricket championship having been decided, Saturday was devoted to friendly matches.

H.K.C.C. v. Services XI.

The Hongkong C.C. against the Services secured 188 runs, of which Rev. Quirk was responsible for 68 and Hayward 36. The Service team made a feeble reply of 38 runs, L.L. Miller contributing 12. Parker and Walker obtained five wickets each for 17 and 18 runs respectively.

The Services XI had a second innings, compiling 91 for six wickets. Mr. G.M. Fogden contributed 33, L.L. Miller 18 not out and E. R. A. Sparrow 17.

A Draw at Kowloon.

The K.C.C. met the United Services in a friendly and due to the tall scoring on both sides, the result was a draw. The home team compiled 101 runs for seven wickets when they declared. Bruce scored 66 whilst Ramsay and Lawrence also made useful contributions.

The United Services replied with 135 for six wickets, their top scorer being L. Musson, who had made 67 not out.

Civil Service Draw.

Two Happy Valley Clubs met on the G.S.C.C. ground, and played an interesting match which resulted in a drawn game. Batting first, the Civil Service obtained 202 for eight wickets, every batsman reaching double figures excepting Ling and Fowler (not out).

Craigengower had collected 164 when allumps were drawn and of this total Reid and Mackay contributed 29 each, the latter being not out. For the Civil Service, Fletcher took five wickets for 69, whilst the best bowling return for Craigengower was Reid's two wickets for 9.

Engineers Beaten.

The University second eleven is still in winning vein and defeated the Royal Engineers and Signals by a wide margin at Pokfulam. The bowling of Kernan and Chan took was a feature of the game, the former taking five wickets for 30 and the latter three for 32. The only visiting batsman able to stand up against the bowling were Col. Skinner, who scored 45 and L. Macdonald, who obtained 29. The Engineers scored 117 runs, the University replying with 193. Kernan for the University retired after scoring 29, as did Baker, who scored 23.

Recreo 2nd v H.K.C.C. 2nd.

At King's Park, the Club de Reccreo's second eleven easily defeated the H.K.C.C.'s second string. The visitors batted first and were dismissed for 31 runs, Sousa collecting five wickets at a cost of nine runs and Alves two for two. J. R. Collis scored 17 of the 31 runs obtained by his side.

The home team replied with 102 runs, Barnes being top scorer with 33. Hancock took six wickets for 30. R.A.O.C. v. Civil Service 2nd. At Soekoon, the military team defeated the Civil Service. Batting first the Civil Service obtained 63 runs. The R.A.O.C. easily passed the total and went on the lake 107.

Electric v. East Point.

The Hongkong Electric team entertained East Point in a match on the former's ground and scored a comfortable victory over the East Point Club, which made its first public appearance as a cricketing side. Batting first, the Electric Company scored 166, of which Murdoch obtained 100 before being beaten. Murdoch's century included nineteen boundary hits.

East Point R.C. replied with 97, McBride being responsible for 25 and Smithways for 11. Stanesby, bowling for the Electric R.C., took five wickets for 10.

Le Havre, Mar. 17.

A liner from America has brought twelve million dollars of gold ingots.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Scottish League.

Rochdale	31	15	1	15	61	61	31
New Brighton	31	11	8	12	51	46	30
Rotherham	31	11	8	14	55	54	30
Hartlepool	33	12	5	10	58	70	29
Chesterfield	33	12	5	10	57	60	28
Crewe	32	9	7	10	62	71	25
Ashington	32	8	7	10	53	87	23
Nelson	31	9	3	19	58	90	21
Wigan	33	7	7	19	41	77	21
Durham	33	8	5	20	41	80	21
Barrow	33	7	7	19	30	91	21

England Beat Wales.

London, Mar. 17. In the International amateur soccer match played at Cardiff England beat Wales by two goals to nil.—*Reuter.*

EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SEVERAL CLOSE FINISHES.

Favoured with good weather, the second extra race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Saturday attracted a large number of racing enthusiasts to Happy Valley. The racing proved to be interesting, spectators being thrilled by close finishes in several races. There were sufficiently big fields in most events from which punters could select their fancies.

Several favourites came home, including Bengal in the First Aggregate Stakes, which drew only four starters. San Diego, ridden by Mr. L. Reidy, ran a good race to keep within three lengths of the winner at the close.

1.—April Stakes: one mile.—For China ponies, subscription griffins of this club of this season, non-winners, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. First prize \$400, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Seth's Erstwhile (Mr. Seth) 1
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes (Mr. Wong) 2
Messrs. Kong Bros.' Sea Front (Mr. Harriman) 3

Time: 2 mins. 10.3/5 secs.
Lengths: 1 1/2 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$18.70; Places, 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$5.30; 3rd \$5.30.

2.—Bon Vista Handicap: "A" class six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$400, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. F. Usher's Mowgli (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. H. T. C.'s Bright Eye (Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning (Mr. Charles) 3

Time: 1 min. 32.2/5 secs.
Length: 1 1/2 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$17.70; Places, 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$5.50; 3rd \$5.40.

3.—Bon Vista Handicap: "B" class six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$400, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve (Mr. Proulx) 1
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Verona (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. H. P. White's San Francisco (Mr. Charles) 3

Time: 1 min. 31.2/5 secs.
Length: 1 1/2 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$17.70; Places, 1st \$5.50; 2nd \$5.50; 3rd \$5.40.

4.—First Aggregate Stakes: one mile.—Value \$500.—For all China ponies, catch weights at 10 at 9 lbs. Winners of a race value \$500 or over other than a race confined to subscription griffins, or ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gynkham Stakes or Aggregate Stakes in any season 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs. A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Aggregate Cup, will be presented at the end of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes at the extra meetings during the season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second, and 1 for a third.

Mr. Eve's Bengal (Mr. Proulx) 1
Mr. L. Reidy's San Diego (Mr. Reidy) 2
Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tze Loi (Mr. Wong) 3

Time: 2 mins. 05.2/5 secs.
Lengths: 3 lengths; 5 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$5.90; Places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.30.

5.—Bon Vista Handicap: "C" class six furlongs.—For China ponies, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$400, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Wayfoong's Brown Jug (Mr. Clark) 1
Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Nara Stag (Mr. Harriman) 2
Mr. R. Gordon's Fire Call (Mr. Reidy) 3

Time: 1 min. 37.2/5 secs.
Short head: 3 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winners \$33.20; Places, 1st \$10.00; 2nd \$14.30; 3rd \$23.50.

6.—D'Aguilar Plate: once round (about 7 furlongs 55 yards).—For subscription griffins of this club of any season and non-winning griffins of this season, weight for inches of this season and non-winning griffins allowed 5 lbs.; winners of one race 5 lbs. extra, of two races 10 lbs. extra, of three or more races 15 lbs. extra; jockey allowance, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$400, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Winsome Stag (Mr. Harriman) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Coon Bay (Mr. Reidy) 2
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes (Mr. Wong) 3

Time: 1 min. 53.2/5 secs.
Head: many lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$6.00; Places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10.

7.—Kellett Handicap: "B" class one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$450, 2nd prize \$200, 3rd prize \$100.

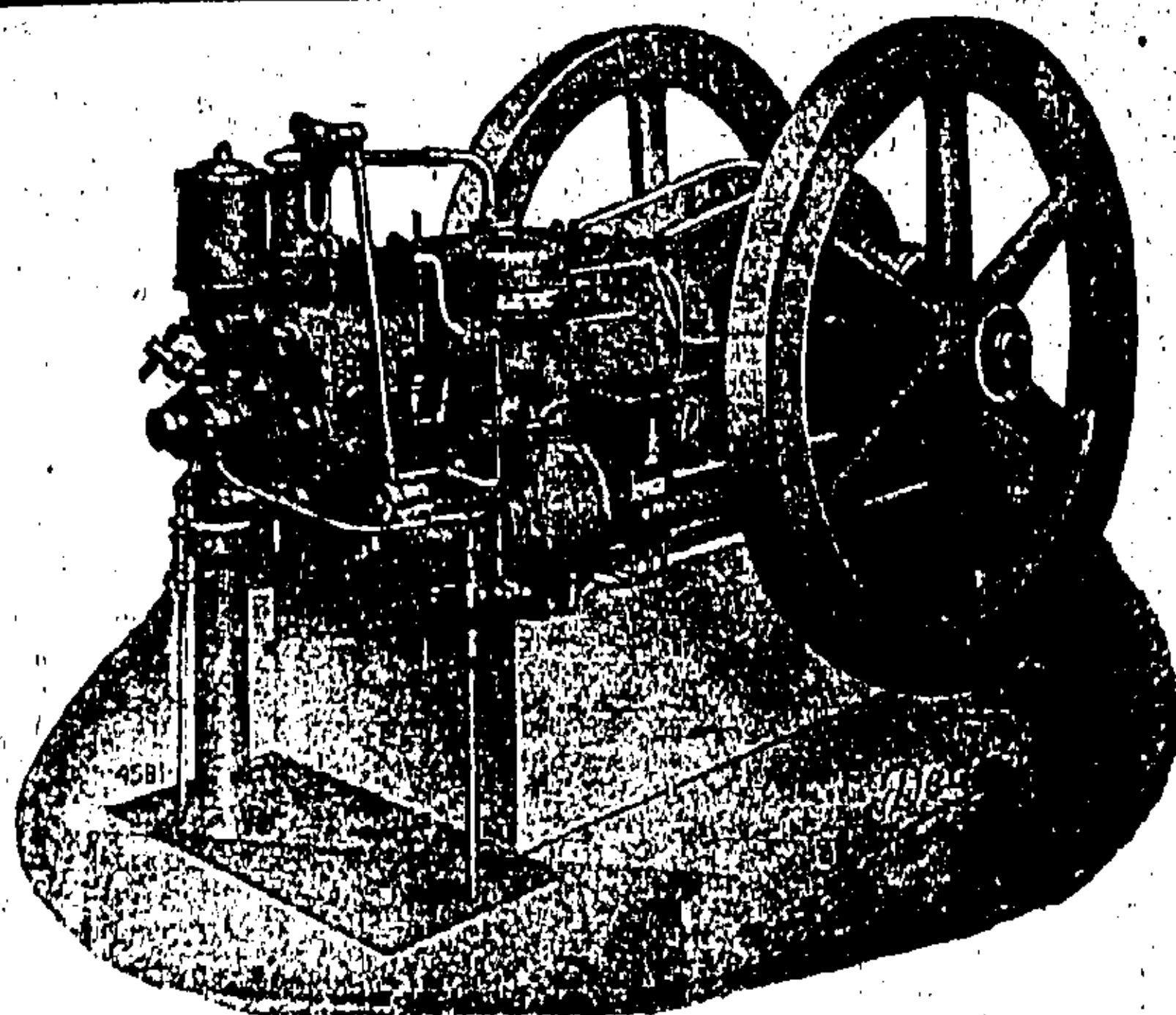
Mr. L. Reidy's Tarzan (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. F. Usher's Mowgli (Mr. Usher) 2
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Kom Tong Hall (Mr. Wong) 3

Time: 2 mins. 44.4/5 secs.
2 1/4 lengths; 3 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$22.70; Places, 1st \$9.20; 2nd \$8.70; 3rd \$11.30.

8.—Kellett Handicap: "A" class one and a quarter miles.—For China ponies, entrance \$5, 1st prize \$450, 2nd prize \$200, 3rd prize \$100.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve (Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Blackstone Hall (Mr. Wong) 2
Mr. K. H.'s Chama (Mr. de Roza) 3

Time: 2 mins. 40.2/5 secs.
1 1/4 lengths; 4 lengths.
Pari mutuel: Winner \$8.30; Places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$5.80; 3rd \$7.70.



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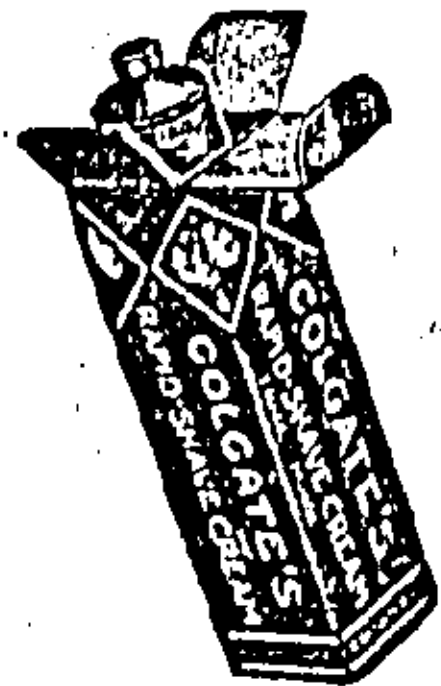
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LOCAL WEDDINGS.

CHINESE FAMILIES UNITED.

An interesting wedding between members of two well-known Chinese families took place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. James N. Wong, son of the late Mr. J. T. Wong and Mrs. Wong, and Miss Winnie Chan, daughter of the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming, were married. There were many prominent Chinese residents present, including Lady Ho Tung and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

The bride was given away by Mr. Kenneth Chan, her brother. She looked charming in a Chinese stole with cloud of silver and diamonds with a silver court train. The late Hon. Mr. Chan Kai-ming carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by Miss Mary Ho, as maid of honour. Miss Ho wore a Chinese dress of gold and white over soft flesh pink. She carried a similar bouquet to that of the bride.

The Rev. H. V. Koop, was the officiating minister and the duties of best man were discharged by Mr. J. F. Shea.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, "Rocky Mount" which was largely attended.

Mr. J. D. Bush, proposing the toast of the bride and bridegroom, said inter alia—I heartily congratulate the bridegroom, and cannot refrain from telling him that he has certainly drawn the highest prize. The bride is the daughter of a former member of the Legislative Council, a great benefactor to the Colony, founder of many scholarships and a liberal donor to the Hongkong University, having presented a building to one of the departments of the Faculty of Medicine.

It has been my privilege to know the bride well, and I have always esteemed her as a charming girl and a very great lady. In her are mingled beauty, gentleness and sweetness. Her charms in all respects are quite in accord with what the Chinese poet would sing:

"The maid is sweet and delicate"

Oh, fit to be our Prince's bride, I am sure no man can fail to live nobly with a wife of such charms and moral excellence.

The bridegroom is a rising young man in the banking world and much esteemed by all who come in contact with him in a business way and within the social circle. At one time he figured quite prominently in the Chinese Recreation Club as a keen and skillful tennis player. Some of his intimate friends have told me that he does not take to tennis so much nowadays. Perhaps one of the reasons is that he wishes to devote all the leisure to his lady fair; and secondly, it may be that his mass and volume do not permit him to be too active on the courts. From the close friends of the bridegroom, I have also gathered that he has always been a devoted son and exceedingly fond of the joy of home life. I consider devotion and love of home as the most essential virtue and soundest basis for married happiness. After the reception the couple left for Macao.

Christie-Mitchell.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St. John's Cathedral of Miss Joan Isabel Margaret Mitchell, daughter of the late Mr. E. W. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell of Hongkong and Mr. Thomas Landale Christie of the Chartered Bank, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Christie of Cupar, Fife.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Captain O. H. Mitchell, F.A., wore a white satin dress of medieval style and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by the Misses Rosalie Kinloch, Catherine Whyte Smith and Patricia Mitchell, and Masters Geoffrey Brearley, Michael Le Gros and Andrew Kinloch. The bridesmaids wore long pale green satin dresses and carried bouquets of blue larkspur.

Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, the bride's mother was dressed in a two piece beige georgette dress with a hat to match. The best man was Mr. Allister Mackenzie.

The Rev. H. V. Koop officiated at the ceremony and Mr. F. Mason played appropriate wedding music.

The reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel and was attended by many friends of the bride and bridegroom. Later Mr. and Mrs. Christie left for Fanling, where the first part of the honeymoon is being spent.

A middle-aged man, shouting "Vote Labour," was removed by the police from the roof of Westminster Hall. He had climbed a wall of Old Palace Yard after making use of a ladder which had been left by workmen. A policeman clambered up after him, and the man went quietly with him to the police station.

WHITE SLAVERY.

GENEVA CONVENTION AND THE FAR EAST.

Geneva, Mar. 18. The seventh session of the Committee on the White Slave Traffic has concluded, and adopted a report to be presented at the next session of the Council of the League, in June.

This report draws attention to the fact that many governments have not yet acceded to the International White Slave Convention, and proposes that the agenda of the next session shall include questions of an international convention for voluntary or compulsory repatriation of prostitutes, and extension to the Far East of an inquiry by a special body of experts.

The report is accompanied by a questionnaire on the protection of women music-hall artists touring abroad, which will be submitted to all the governments.—*Reuter.*

U. S. WARSHIPS.

REDUCED PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

Washington, Mar. 17. The House of Representatives, without debate, adopted the amendment to the new warship construction programme, requesting President Coolidge to seek another International Conference for the limitation of naval armaments.

Washington, Mar. 18. The House of Representatives by a vote of 287 to 67 has approved the warship construction programme at a cost of \$3274,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINESE POSTS.

POWERS PROTEST AGAINST NEW AGREEMENT.

Peking, Mar. 17. The Powers signatory to the Washington Agreement have protested against the Postal Agreement mainly on the ground that China agreed at Washington not to curtail the powers of the co-Director General, whereas the agreement considerably weakens them, as now there is only one foreign with three Chinese directors.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN WAR.

IRREGULAR FORCES CUT LUNGHAI LINE.

Peking, Mar. 17. The report of a Northern success at Kwelch is not confirmed here. It is not claimed in Fengtien circles which state that fighting on a serious scale has not yet commenced. At the same time, it is interesting to note that some well-informed foreign-trained Chinese are willing to bet that Sun Chuan-fang will be at Pukow within two months and that Feng Yu-hsiang will be driven towards Western Honan, basing their conclusions on the immense quantities of arms and munition now possessed by the Northerners compared with their rivals.

A strange story is widely circulating among the Chinese which is believed by the masses, and more than half credited by many others. A priest of "Sleeping Buddha Temple," on the Western Hills, relates that he could not sleep one night recently owing to strange noises. He finally rose and went to the courtyard where he found the famous sleeping Buddha walking round. The Buddha told the trembling priest that an era of peace would dawn for China next autumn.—*Reuter.*

The Lunghai Line.

Peking, Mar. 18. It now transpires that an irregular force under former Wu Pei-fu generals Ting and Chin cut the Lunghai line. It appears that they have been hiding in the mountains for months and recently offered their allegiance to Sun Chuan-fang, who agreed to incorporate them into his forces if they first performed a meritorious deed. They accordingly attacked the Kuomintang communications, evidently with some success.—*Reuter.*

BIG RUBBER RESERVE.

G.\$30,000,000 SET ASIDE BY COMMERCE BANKS.

New York, Mar. 18. The National Bank of Commerce announces that a credit has been arranged for the national crude rubber reserve, commonly known as the American rubber pool, for G\$30,000,000 with another G\$30,000,000 available if required.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUSSIA DEFIANT.

THE SOVIET-GERMAN RUPTURE.

Moscow, Mar. 17. M. Chicherin had a conversation with the German Ambassador with regard to the broken Soviet-German commercial negotiations. M. Chicherin stated that the arrests were made strictly on the basis of the Soviet laws, applicable to everyone living in the Soviet Union. Any attempt to bring pressure on Soviet justice was doomed to failure.—*Reuter.*

Two Released.

Moscow, Mar. 18. The authorities have released two of the six German engineers, who were arrested on a charge of sabotage at the Donetz coalfield.

One of the released men had only been in Russia for a few weeks. Altogether 60 persons were arrested.—*Reuter.*

ON HIS WAY HOME.

CAPTAIN LALOR LEAVES HANKOW.

Hankow, Mar. 17. Capt. Lalor has left for Shanghai on his way to England.—*Reuter.*

[Captain Lalor is the mercantile marine officer who was captured by brigands and who gained his freedom through the good offices and perseverance of the Rev. A. H. Tocher, a missionary, who was afterwards honoured by the King.]

"REDS" EXECUTED.

EIGHTEEN ACCOUNTED FOR IN TWO DAYS.

Hankow, Mar. 17. Following the recent Communist atrocities in Hunan the local anti-Red campaign has again been intensified.

There have been 18 executions during the last two days.

The situation is outwardly quiet, but the authorities seem to find ground for apprehension.—*Reuter.*

SURGICAL AGONY ABOLISHED!

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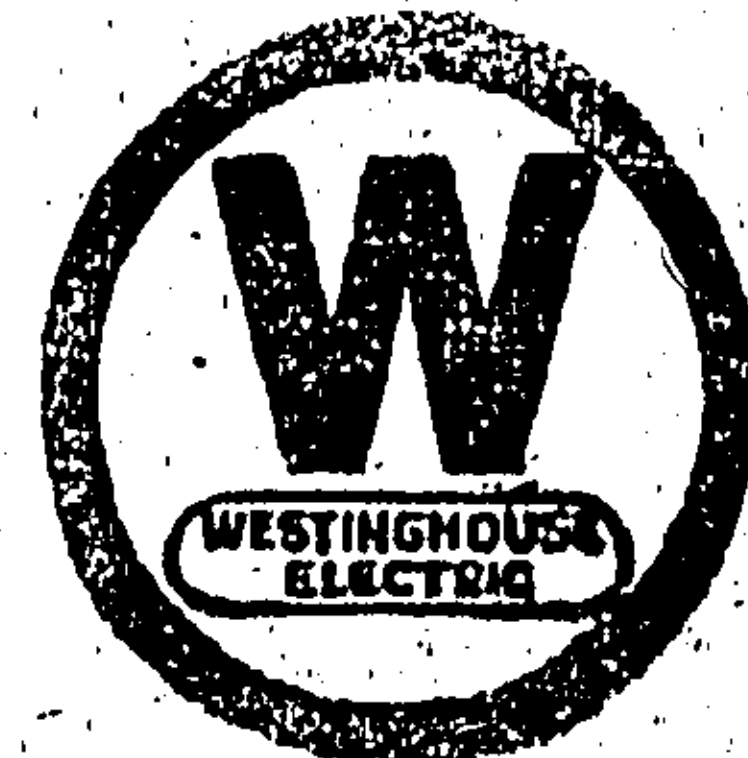
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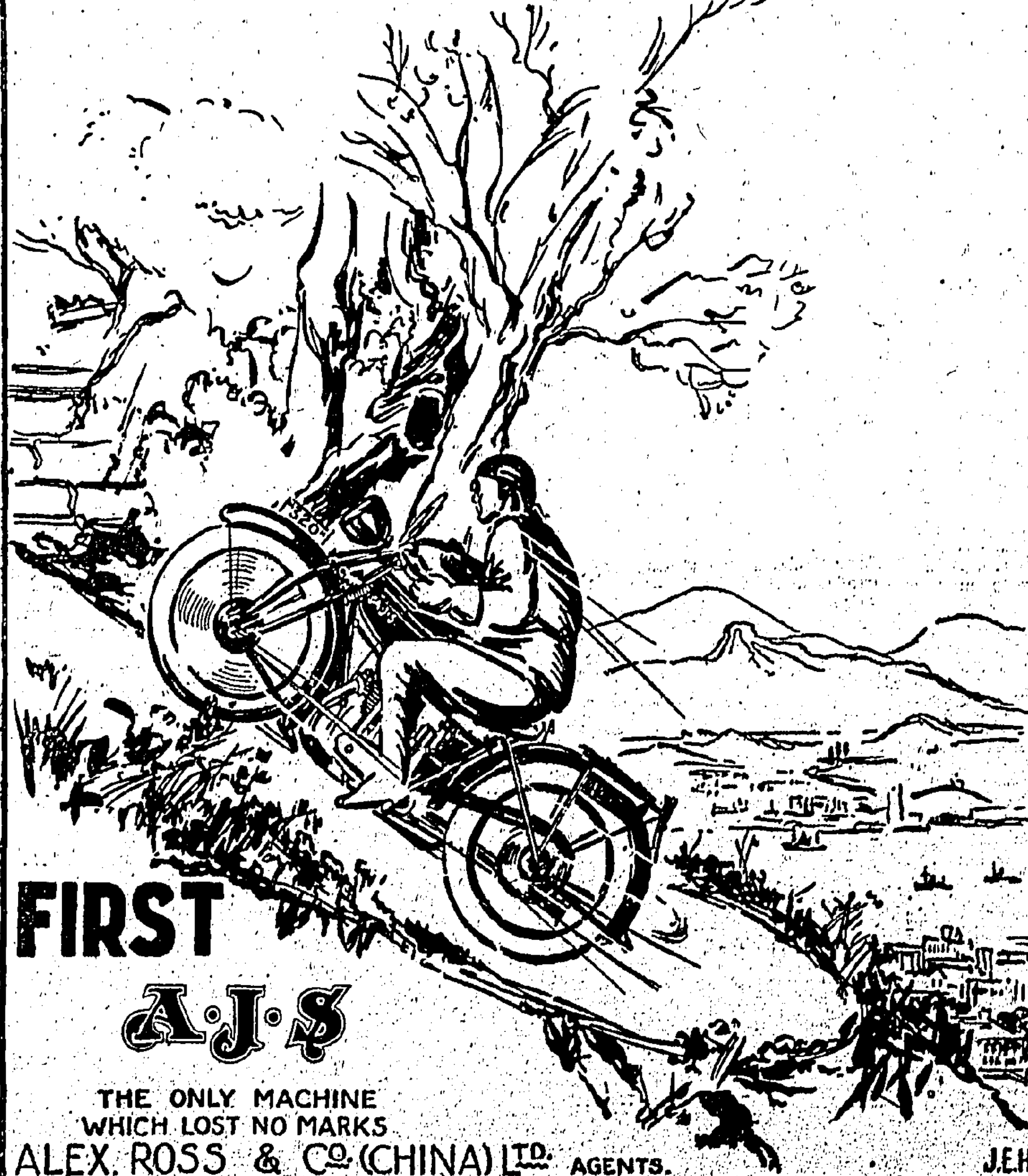
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CHAPTER XVIII

INSPECTOR POW AT WORK.

Detective-Inspector Pow was annoyed. As a rule he was a good-tempered man, and in fact there were those who considered that he took things too easily. His round face wore a benevolent expression, and his movements were occasionally too slow to suit Sergeant Galloway, for instance.

Galloway's opinion did not count, but the Chief had been trying to stir the Inspector up, in consequence of the correspondence in one of the morning papers. It was begun by a resident at Haverstock Hill, whose house had recently been broken into. As he pointed out, this was one of a series of burglaries. In one case a murder had been committed, yet nothing had been done. The police seemed entirely at a loss, and surely the time had come to give taxpayers suitable protection.

Inspector Pow, accordingly, began to consider where he stood. With the exception of Baynton Crescent, no fingerprints had been discovered. No doubt a practised hand had been at work, and taken the precaution to wear gloves. At Miss Croom's, however, several excellent impressions had been found by Sergeant Galloway, though they had not tallied with any of those in the official records.

This signified that there had been no previous conviction, though identification would be assisted in the event of an arrest.

The usual circulation of a description of such articles as had been stolen from Number 8, Baynton Crescent: The old-fashioned gold watch, the earrings, the gold topped scentbottle, and other things, had brought no result. All that Inspector Pow had to guide him was a right hand, yellow glove, size seven and three-quarters, and unlikely to have been found in the possession of an ordinary burglar. And at the tip of the second finger of this glove had been found a wad of cotton wool. Sergeant Galloway's suggestion that the owner had lost the tip of his finger, appeared plausible, and there was nothing else by way of a clue, till Monica Ralton came to Scotland Yard, and, on stating her business, was taken to the Inspector.

Monica created a favourable impression. Her statement was clear, matter-of-fact, and precise, and left the Inspector indignant with Foster, whose sitting-room in Upper Baker Street he entered at ten o'clock the following morning.

"Good morning, Dr. Markwell," he said, placing his bowler hat on the table. "You'd have seen me before if I'd been put wise about that box of jewellery, but it seems you didn't consider it necessary."

"No doubt," Foster admitted, "I jumped too hastily to the conclusion that it had been brought from India."

"Wherever it came from," Pow insisted, "you ought to have declared it for probate."

"Anyhow," said Foster, not by any means without embarrassment, "I have restored it to Lady Parkinson."

"Yes, I understand," exclaimed the Inspector, "that you dropped it as soon as it was too hot to hold. Now, when did you receive the box from Miss Croom, Dr. Markwell?"

"On Tuesday evening the eighth,"

"Did anybody see it afterwards?"

"No."

"You didn't mention it till you spoke to Miss Feversham?" Pow insisted.

That was the cue for an elaborate explanation of Theresa's share in the transaction, the Inspector having already heard about it from a different point of view the previous evening. Pow was obviously impressed by the fact that she was Elias Feversham's niece, Monica Ralton having omitted this detail.

"Then," he said, abruptly, "there's Redpath. What about him?"

He listened attentively to the account of Foster's visit to Little Oakham Street, and made a note of the number, then asked for the addresses of one or two others, whom he intended to see during the day.

"Well, Dr. Markwell," he said, putting away his notebook, "is there anything else you can tell me? Sure you're keeping nothing back this time, eh?"

Leaving Foster feeling rather self-conscious, Inspector Pow stood on the doorstep, hesitating which way to turn next, whether to go north to Martha Keene, or south to the Capital Hotel, and Cliff Street, Berkeley Square, finally making up his mind to see Miss Feversham next. He would walk a part of the way, taking the quieter streets and squares, and smoking a pipe, while he thought things over.

Who had known of the metal box

before Miss Croom's death?

There was Hilary, said to have died at Mountport Prison—that required confirmation. Pow had known the man: a clever thief, who, however, had never been suspected of the jewel robbery at Waterloo.

Then there was Redpath, of whom the Inspector had never heard. A beggar-letter writer, who had succeeded in keeping out of gaol, though he probably deserved to be put away. Redpath had known about the box for the last two years, he had in fact taken it to Baynton Crescent in the first place, and no doubt he had been in London on the night of the murder.

Miss Ralton had been present when Redpath handed the jewels to the, no doubt, unsuspecting Miss Croom, nor had she started to Brighton till Friday morning. Inspector Pow determined to leave no stone unturned. He would trust nothing to chance. Miss Ralton had known the box was at Baynton Crescent, and she had been in London, also, on the fatal evening.

And so had Martha Keene. Pow remembered her perfectly. She had lived with Miss Croom for eighteen months—had she known about the box? Perhaps, she had, perhaps not. According to Miss Ralton it had been kept in Miss Croom's wardrobe, but the maid must often have been left alone in the house, keys are left lying about, and women are inquisitive.

Last of all there were Everard Parkinson and Miss Feversham. Dr. Markwell insisted that she had not heard of the jewels till after Miss Croom was murdered, but then he was obviously an admirer of Miss Feversham's, notwithstanding her admitted attempt to rob him. Dr. Markwell was a prejudiced witness.

Everard Parkinson had, at least, been told where the jewels were to be found three days before the crime. There was no question about that. Giving Miss Feversham, for the present, the benefit of the doubt, and assuming Hilary's death, there were five persons, who might have known the metal box was in Miss Croom's possession, with the possible exception of Martha Keene, though on the whole the Inspector was inclined to include her.

Redpath, Miss Ralton, Martha, Dr. Markwell, and Everard Parkinson—a conceivable owner of the glove!

CHAPTER XIX.

A SURPRISE FOR MR. FEVERSHAM.

On reaching the Capital Hotel, Inspector Pow went straight to the bureau, asking for Miss Feversham and being told she was sitting with the short, high-shouldered, clean-shaven American gentleman just within the doorway.

Although Theresa had been waiting in a fear and trembling since breakfast, she had not imagined that the very ordinary looking, fatherly, middle-aged man who had just passed her chair, could be the dreaded visitor. He was not by any means her ideal of a detective.

Now, however, that she saw him return and raise his hat as he stopped before her chair, she nerved herself for the worst, only wishing she had taken the precaution to prepare Elias Feversham's mind. She had lacked the necessary courage. She had tried to hope that something might happen, and now she thought it probably would.

"Miss Feversham, I think?" said Pow.

Theresa tried to control her voice. "I am Miss Feversham."

"I am Detective-Inspector Pow of the Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed Mr. Feversham.

"I should like a few minutes' conversation—"

"What in the world can you want to converse with my niece about?" demanded Mr. Feversham.

Inspector Pow glanced at the occupants of the other chairs by the doorway.

"Perhaps, we might go somewhere more private," he suggested.

With a grunt of dissatisfaction, Mr. Feversham rose and led the way to the bureau. During the last four or five years, Theresa had done one or two things of which he warmly disapproved. She was in a position to assert her independence and had done so with admirable thoroughness. Mr. Feversham had objected to her sailing for England alone, instead of waiting for his escort as had been arranged. She had a roving disposition, and the fact was she ought to have been a boy, although she looked so delightfully feminine. Even Elias Feversham admitted that. But he could never feel quite certain what she would do next. She ought to marry, and tell the truth,

he had begun to hope that Markwell might prove her alder and abettor. But what on earth had she been doing to bring Detective-Inspector Pow to the hotel?

They were taken to the same small room on the first floor, adjoining the large drawing-room, where Theresa had wept on hearing Foster's news of the jewels, and Mr. Feversham drew one of the row of cigars from his waistcoat pocket, putting it between his lips, without striking a match.

"Now, perhaps, you will explain what you want, Inspector!" he exclaimed.

"To ask Miss Feversham one or two questions."

"Questions—what about, in Heaven's name?"

"The murder of Miss Croom, Mr. Feversham."

Mr. Feversham knew all about the case. He knew all about most cases of the kind.

"What do you imagine she can tell you about it?" he demanded.

"Miss Croom," murmured Theresa, "was Dr. Markwell's aunt."

"Did you know her?" Mr. Feversham snapped out.

"No—no," she said.

"But I believe it's a fact," Inspector Pow insisted, "that you met Dr. Markwell on the 'Egeria' and afterwards entered into a conspiracy with a man named Parkinson."

"That waster!" cried Mr. Feversham, who had seen something of Parkinson in New York.

"To obtain possession of certain jewellery."

"Which had been stolen from his mother—from Lady Parkinson," urged Theresa.

"And become the property of the Lion Insurance Company," said Inspector Pow, significantly.

Mr. Feversham took out a large white handkerchief and wiped his forehead.

"I don't know what you're driving at," he complained. "You fog me, between you."

Inspector Pow did his best to explain, and the next half-hour proved the most embarrassing of Theresa's experience. Put, as the detective put it, the affair had no redeeming feature. She sat down, feeling that her legs would give way beneath her, if she tried to remain standing. She had to give a detailed account of her connexion with Everard Parkinson, just as she had done to Foster Markwell on the embankment, only on that occasion she had a far more sympathetic listener.

"Good gracious!" cried Mr. Feversham, when she was silent again, "do you mean that Markwell is going to prosecute?"

"His fault's the other way," answered Pow. "Dr. Markwell's too backward in prosecuting."

"Then what are you after?"

"The man who murdered Miss Croom, Mr. Feversham."

"You don't surely imagine that Miss Feversham can help you!"

"Everything turns on the jewels," Inspector Pow insisted.

"My niece had not heard of their existence till after Miss Croom's death."

"Well, now, are you certain about that?" said Pow coaxingly.

"Perfectly certain," said Theresa. "And that Parkinson didn't tell you he'd seen Miss Croom more than once?"

"He told me he hadn't," cried Inspector Pow sharply. "You suspected him?"

"I was afraid someone else might," Theresa admitted.

"Now," said Pow, "I want you to let me see his photo."

"I haven't one," she answered. "I have never had one. Why should I?"

She seemed so near to a state of collapse, that Inspector Pow took his hat from the table, though he had intended to ask one or two further questions. He could get the information elsewhere. Mr. Feversham opened the door but made no attempt to see the Inspector out. He wished to take advantage of the present privacy to express his resentment.

Taking short, jerky paces from door to window, he did this with extraordinary force during the next ten minutes.

"I'm not only disgraced myself," but me," he concluded. "There's only one saving clause. There will be no more nonsense about Nina. I always told her Parkinson was a thoroughly bad lot. Now she'll be able to judge for herself."

"You're not going to write," urged Theresa.

"I shall catch the mail," cried Mr. Feversham. "What beats me is Markwell's behaviour. If he had prosecuted you, I could understand it, but how he can have any truck with you after the scandalous way you treated him—"

Theresa almost smiled.

"Still," she murmured, "he doesn't seem to mind, does he?"

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

The famous tragedy-comedy "Celestina," by the Fifteenth Century Spanish dramatist Rojas, has been adapted for the modern stage by the German dramatist Wolfenstein, and was played for the first time at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

HARD THINKING IN AMERICA.

VESSELS THAT ARE A LUXURY.

GROWING DOUBTS.

Under the terms of the Washington Treaty Great Britain and the United States are each to have a limited total of 135,000 tons of aircraft carriers; no vessel is to exceed 27,000 tons, except in a case where both nations may convert two vessels originally designed as cruisers or battleships into aircraft carriers, provided they are not in excess of 33,000 tons.

Availing themselves of this permission the United States has converted the Lexington and the Saratoga, both of which have recently been commissioned, into aircraft carriers. Each vessel is 33,000 tons, and each represents an investment of 23,400,000. The Saratoga can carry 74 machines in commission—that is, ready to take the air whenever required—and 37 out of commission—that is to say, with wings or other parts removed to economise space in stowing. The Lexington has provision for 80 machines in commission, and 40 in reserve.

The Navy Department has been proud of these huge craft, and the public have been told they are the most formidable vessels of their type afloat. In the Navy Bill now under consideration by the House five aircraft carriers are asked for, but no tonnage is specified. Obviously if new carriers are at the maximum treaty allowance of 27,000 tons each this would be a violation of the treaty, as with the Lexington and Saratoga now afloat and the Langley, an older ship of about 13,000 tons, the United States has only 56,000 tons of its aircraft carrier allowance remaining.

Treaty Limitations.

The Navy Department has no intention of violating the treaty, but it is in a mood to wonder if it has not made a mistake and if carriers of the size and cost of the Saratoga are as valuable as the public believes, and whether smaller carriers of the size and type of the Hermes of the British Navy, of about 13,000 tons, are not ideal vessels.

There are several reasons to make the naval authorities ponder. In the first place there are mechanical difficulties in getting the machines in and out of the ship, and while it sounds impressive to say that a carrier has a theoretical strength of a hundred planes or more, if less than half can be put in the air the other half might as well be left on land.

Another reason is that there are too many eggs in one basket. If the Saratoga were crippled, sunk, or captured the fighting strength of the fleet would be enormously impaired. Finally there is the great cost. The Navy Department is keeping its plans very secret, while seriously considering what its future aircraft policy shall be.

AMERICA'S CITIZENS FROM ABROAD.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF BRITISH QUOTA.

If the Immigration Bill introduced by Senator Watson, of Indiana, with the approval of Mr. Davis, Secretary of Labour, becomes law the quota from Great Britain and Northern Ireland would be almost doubled, as would the Russian and Italian quotas.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland would be raised from 34,997 to 73,039, Russia from 2,243 to 4,781, and Italy from 3,945 to 6,091. The German quota will be reduced from 61,227 to 23,428 and the Irish Free State from 28,567 to 13,860. Reductions would be made in immigration from Scandinavia, France, and other countries. Immigration from Canada would also be increased, while from Mexico and other Latin-American countries it would be heavily reduced.

There are so many conflicting opinions as to what should be done in the revision of the existing Immigration law that it is impossible at the present time to say what will be the eventual decision of Congress.

While a number of Grimsby schoolboys were at play Robert Howden (12) tumbled down a subway steps, whereupon the other boys procured two pieces of wood, and, utilising their top-coats, improvised a stretcher on which they carried him to an ambulance station.

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An authoritative and frank statement in which the present attitude of the Free Churches towards reunion was described as one of disappointment and disillusion, was made by Dr. W. B. Selbie, Principal of Mansfield College, in an address at Pusey House Oxford to the Society for Reunion.

The present discussions in the Anglican Church, he said, were being watched with the greatest anxiety, as it was realised that the outcome would be of the greatest importance to the whole question of reunion.

The Free Churches felt that the real obstacle to unity was the spirit of sectarian dissension which had too often been manifest in the past. There was far more doctrinal difference in the Anglican Church than in any of the Free Churches at the present moment.

The discussion on the Prayer Book had led to a good deal of hardening of opinion among Free Church people. In the course of recent conversations he had been surprised at the extreme and rather obsolete Protestantism held by many prominent laymen of the Anglican Church.

If there was to be any hope of reunion with the Anglican Church, the first step must be that the Church must be set free from the control of the State.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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NANKING AFFAIR.

IMPORTANT EDICTS
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Shanghai, Mar. 18.
Reports from Nanking state that the Nationalist Government yesterday issued two important mandates, one ordering the arrest of the principal culprits responsible for the Nanking incident and the second decreeing the protection of foreigners in China.

The first places the responsibility for the outrages on a "part of the Nationalist army, together with local riff-raff at the instigation of the Communists," and claims that there have been executed 19 soldiers and 32 "local desperadoes" in this connexion.

In a speech at Nanking yesterday Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, referring to diplomatic relations, said that the first matter to settle was the Nanking incident.

Interviewed in Shanghai on the same subject, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, General Hwang Fu, confirmed the reports from London, Tokyo and Peking to the effect that the Nanking Government were negotiating with the Powers concerned seeking a settlement of the incident. He stated that the Nanking Government was very anxious for a settlement and that Sir Miles Lampson was handling British interests, and the American Consul General at Shanghai was attending to United States interests.

While the foreign representatives refuse to discuss the subject, General Hwang Fu revealed that the Powers' demands made shortly after the incident had been considerably lessened, virtually abandoning the punishment demands.

Hwang Fu stated that the Nationalist General, Chen Chien, generally believed to have been the chief instigator, was not responsible for the incident, and that his subordinates who were really responsible for it had been punished.

He added that the Nationalist Government were willing to apologise, but that the settlement mainly concerned the determining of the indemnities, which Nanking was willing to pay "within capacity and reason."—*Reuter*.

UNIQUE CEREMONY.

VANCOUVER'S ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATED.

London, Mar. 18.
A ceremony unique in the records of Anglo-American relations was conducted silently at four o'clock in the morning at London, unwittingly save by a few officials when the Governor of the Hudson Bay Company presented a button and thus turned on all the lights of the city of Vancouver, Washington State, marking the 103rd anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver, which became American territory under the boundary treaty of 1846.

—*Reuter's American Service*.
The cost of living in England fell approximately two points in January.

A SUNSET BRIDE.

EX-MAHARAJA WEDS MISS MILLER.

Bombay, Mar. 18.
At Barwaha, Bombay Presidency, the third marriage of the ex-Maharaja of Indore was solemnised at sunset according to the highest Hindu Vedic rites, with Devi Sharmistha, the Hindu name of Miss Nancy Miller.

The bride and the bridegroom entered the house separately, barefooted, and dressed in costly silks, their foreheads bearing bright caste marks of scarlet powder. They stood on either side of a curtain.

Hymns opened the ceremony which lasted for two hours.

At the auspicious time chosen in accordance with astrological calculations, the curtain was raised and the bride and bridegroom garlanded each other and made their formal acquaintance. They were then presented to the assembly as would-be spouses.

The sacred peepal tree was then lighted and surrounded by Brahmin priests. The bride was given away "for the God of love, for wealth and for the blessing of procreation."

The bride and the bridegroom wound around themselves long hand made cotton threads soaked in turmeric, signifying that they were tied for life. They then walked seven times round the fire promising adherence to their vows and then called on the sun, moon and stars to witness their marriage.—*Reuter*.

RISKY JOURNEY.

BERLIN TO PEKING BY
MOTOR CAR.

Peking, Mar. 18.
Miss Claerens Stinnes, daughter of the late Mr. Hugo Stinnes, drove into Peking yesterday morning from Berlin. She had driven the entire distance in a six cylinder Alder sedan, accompanied by Mr. Soeder Strom, a Swedish cinema photographer, and four mechanics, who drove an Alder lorry.

Miss Stinnes left Berlin last May and passed through the Balkans, Angora, Syria, Persia, Caucasus, Russia and Siberia. The party was held up for two months in Irkutsk waiting for the ice on Lake Balkal to thicken so as to permit a crossing. This hazardous feat was finally accomplished.

Miss Stinnes, describing this 40 kilometre ride, said it was the most exciting part of the journey. In Urga they were warned against bandits. They fell into a trench cut across the track by bandits but escaped. They avoided other gangs by making detours.

After a stay of five days Miss Stinnes is leaving for Mukden with the intention of proceeding to Japan and North and South America.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Charles Kay Ogden has been elected to a Charles Kingsley bye-fellowship at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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The Bishop of Norwich in a statement declares the new book makes a gallant but hopeless attempt to conciliate the House of Commons, without touching the most serious objections.

Certain causes of misapprehension have been removed in connexion with prayers for the King, the black rubric, et cetera, but a perpetual reservation remains, the wording being different but there being no change in reality.—*Reuter*.

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

A very satisfactory report was presented at the eighth annual meeting of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association held on Saturday at 127, Caine Road, with Mrs. Ma Wing-chun, the President in the chair. This dealt at length with questions of membership, education work, child welfare and social activities and showed that the Association has had a busy and successful year.

The report was presented on behalf of the Board of Directors by Miss Shin Tak-hing, and the financial report was given by Mrs. Ma Ying-pul.

The report of the nominating committee, which was submitted by Miss Lei Poon-kun, was accepted, and the following new members were elected to the Board for the coming year: Mrs. Lok Oi-wan, Mrs. Lum Tsan-wai and Mrs. Chung Wing-tai. Mrs. Chau Wai-chung and Miss Katie Webb were re-elected for another term.

An address was given by Mr. Sung Hok-pang on "The Future Needs of the Y.W.C.A." and a musical programme included a violin solo by Mr. Pasing and a solo by Mrs. Poon Shek-wa. At the close of the meeting tea was served.

The Report.

The report stated *inter alia*: As we enter the ninth year of our work here, we face greater needs and greater responsibilities than ever before. Our present quarters are far inadequate to meet the demands that are constantly made upon us. Our most pressing need is for a building which is really adapted to the community that we are trying to serve. It is hoped that before the present year is over our dream of a new building will be realized. To that end, we shall need the help of all our friends in the community.

Membership.

It has been our policy from the beginning that only those who really understand our purpose and are interested in it should be admitted to membership. And so, we depend, not upon the campaign method, but upon the quiet work of those who are already members to interest others. This past year there have been 327 members enrolled, of whom 46 were new. Throughout the year the membership committee has done faithful work in visiting the members to keep them in touch with what the Association is doing.

Religious Education.

We believe that every activity of the Association should be the expression of our Christian purpose, still we have this department whose special responsibility is to plan for devotional meetings and Bible classes. Nineteen devotional meetings have been held with an average attendance of 37. When the Yunnan mission group visited Hongkong in October it was our privilege to entertain the three women members of the group and when their journey to Yunnan was prevented, we took the opportunity of inviting one of their number, Miss Dia, to have a series of special meetings. The average attendance at these meetings was over 400.

Educational Work.

The work of this department is carried on by a committee of eight

who meet once each month. It is due to their interest and faithful efforts that the work has grown so gratifyingly this past year. There have been classes in Chinese, English, Mandarin, Home Nursing, First Aid, Piano, Accounting, Chinese and foreign Cookery. The total enrolment was 277 over twice as many as were enrolled the previous year.

In the first term, 22 girls qualified in the St. John's examinations for first year certificates in First Aid and 5 for third year certificates while 13 received certificates in Home Nursing. From this group, 20 have been organized into a division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and have pledged themselves to work with the Brigade whenever they are needed.

The Education Committee is responsible also for a Popular Education night school for girls and a class for amahs which meets once a week. 50 are enrolled in the former and 84 in the latter.

Child Welfare.

Our two Health centres for children of pre-school age, have been under the direction of Dr. K. S. Shin this past year and are conducted each Thursday morning at the Y.M.C.A. and in our own rooms. Here the children are weighed and measured and examined by the doctor and instruction given to the mothers. The average attendance has been 30 and 4 children have had a perfect attendance record.

Social.

The purpose of the social department is to provide opportunities for social intercourse among the members and to promote the Christian fellowship for which the Association stands. This past year there have been nine social meetings, with an attendance of 1,300. In November two joint meetings were held with the Y.M.C.A. in connection with their Better Homes Week, with over 500 in attendance at each meeting.

Hostel.

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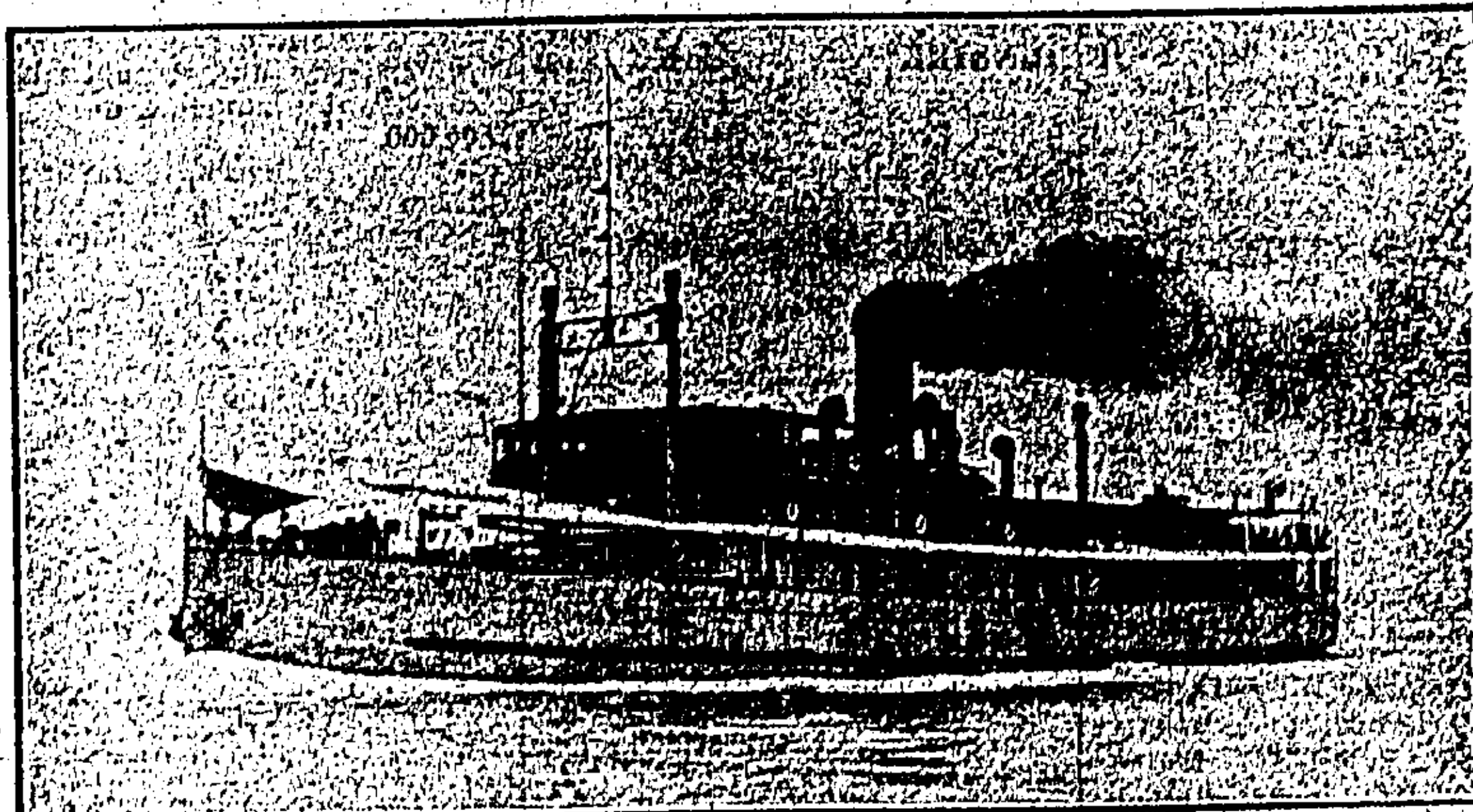
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The purpose of this department is to provide for adolescent girls the kind of programme that will help them develop their latent possibilities and to find the way to abundant living. There are at present three clubs with a membership of 114. There is an advisory committee of 7 members who are making a special study of the psychology and the needs of adolescent girls in order that the programme may be really adapted to them.

One of these clubs, the Pioneers, has charge of a Popular Education night school for girls, whose enrolment is 46.

Student Associations.

There are four student Associations in the city with which our Association tries to co-operate in every way possible. They sent delegates to the summer conference for Christian students in Kwangtung Province. There were 70 delegates at this conference, representing 10 schools and one-fifth of the total number were from Hongkong.

On Republic Day, October 10, there was a joint meeting for girls students to which nineteen schools sent representatives, making a total attendance of over 600.

Finance.

Since the membership fees, the hostel and class receipts do not cover the yearly expenses, the budget difference must be secured in some other way. The finance committee undertook to raise \$6,000 as budget difference for this past year and through their own earnest efforts and the loyal support of friends, they were able to secure a little more than that amount. We wish to again express our appreciation to all of them for their generous help. Acknowledgment is made of the help given by a large number of friends.

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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOBEA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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RANPURA	16,601	25th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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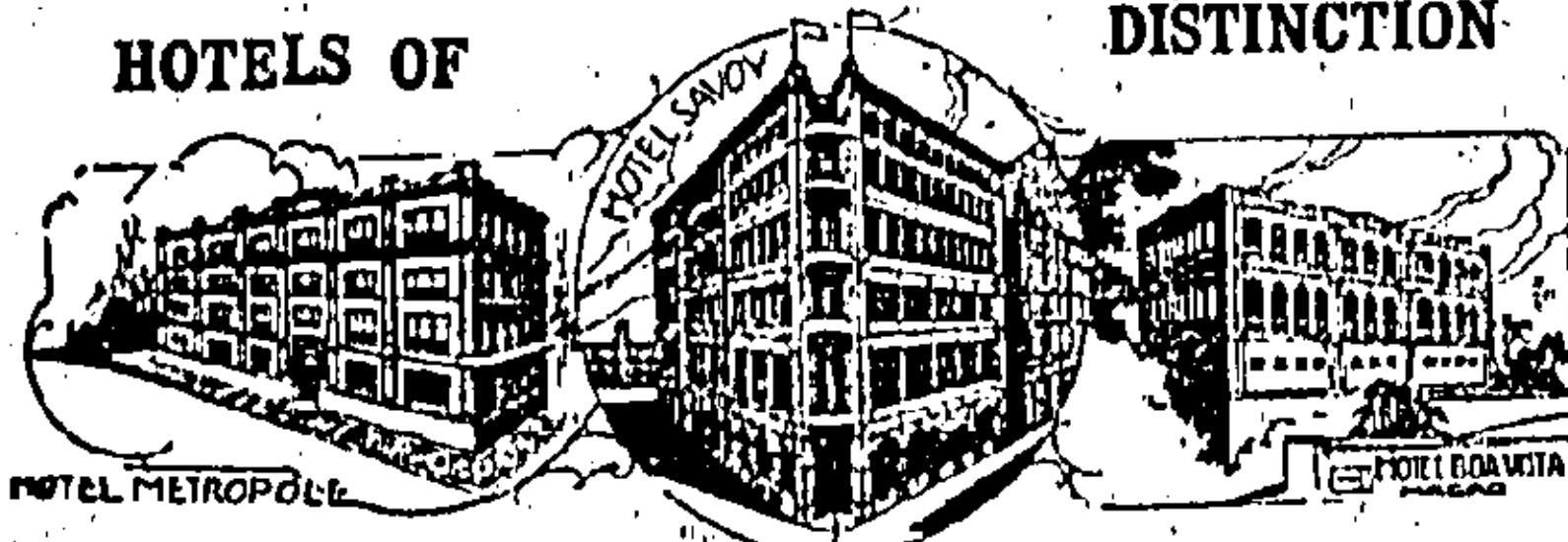
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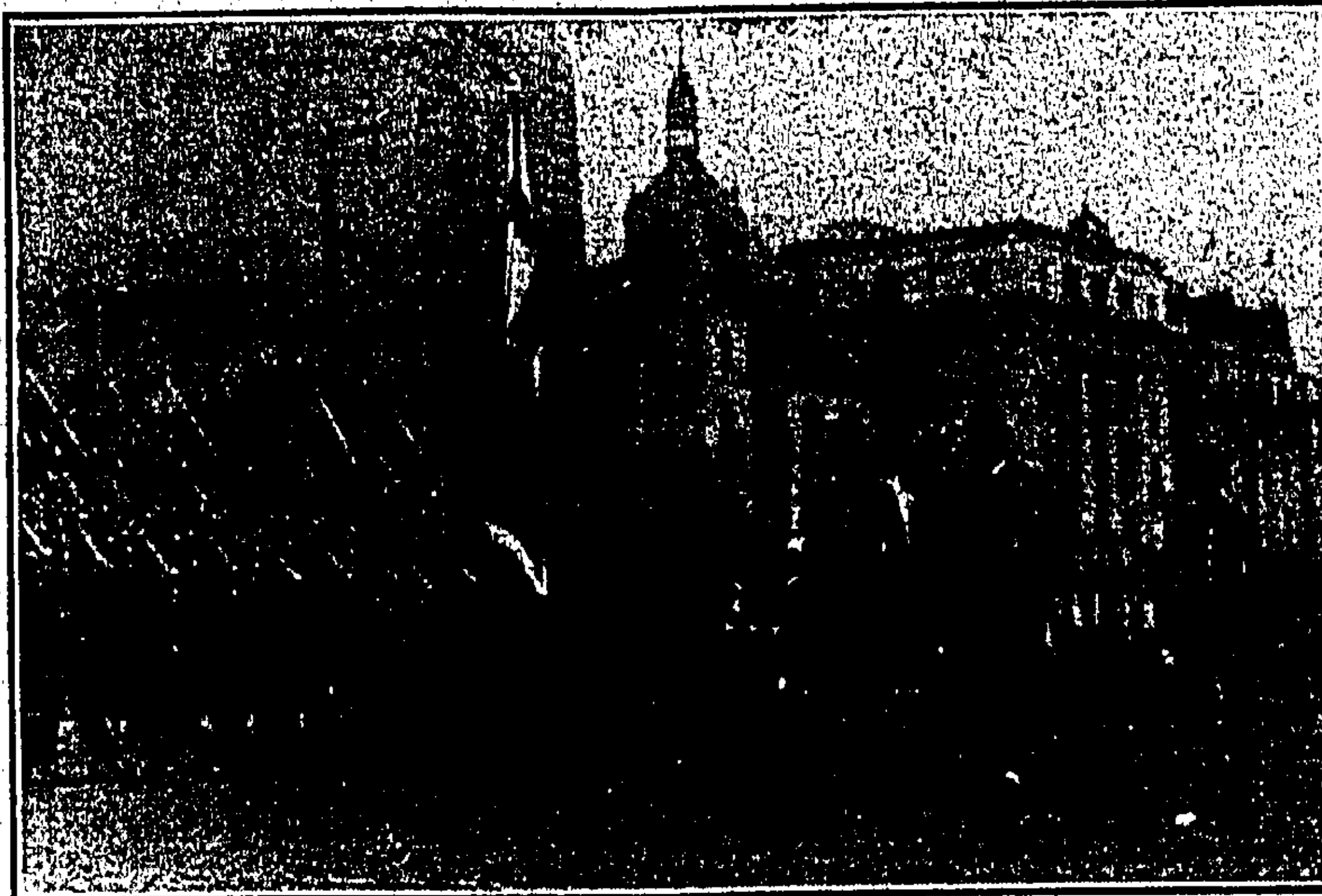
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he ignored them all. With the rim
of the "bowler" jammed tightly
down to rest on his ears, the tight-
fitting broadcloth buttoned securely
around the waist, the "clawham-
mer" tail flapping at every stride,
he trotted soberly on.—*Shanghai
Times.*

GRASS SHOES FOR
TROOPS.400,000 PAIRS WANTED BY
NATIONALISTS.

The military headquarters of
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in Nan-
king has sent a message to Canton
ordering that 400,000 pairs of
grass shoes be made in Kwangtung
for the use of the Nationalist
soldiers taking part in the cam-
paign against the Fengtien troops.

These shoes are the same kind
as those worn by chair and ricksha
coolies in Hongkong, and, accord-
ing to the Chinese, are very suit-
able for mountain climbing.

A Canton report says that the
authorities have decided that
those shoes be forwarded in a
few days. Shoe-makers in Can-
ton city have received orders for
100,000 pairs of these shoes, while
in other districts of Kwangtung,
including Namhoi, Punyee, Sun-
wui, Toishan, and Koyew, the
manufacture of the remaining
300,000 pairs will be expedited.

CHINA EXHIBITION
PLANS.MANY ATTRACTIONS ARE
PROMISED.

The various committees concern-
ed in the forthcoming China Ex-
hibition being held under the aus-
pices of St. Andrew's Church are
actively engaged in completing the
arrangements to make the event a
great success.

A large number of rare and
valuable exhibits has been secured,
whilst amongst the demonstrations
will be the making of fire-crackers,
in which a harmless non-explosive
imitation of gunpowder will be
used.

The entertainments, of which
there will be many, will include
Chinese boxing and marionette
shows, whilst there will also be a
specially-arranged Chinese restau-
rant.

In connection with the Exhibition
there will be special intercessions at
Wednesday evening's service in St.
Andrew's Church.

BANDITS PLUNDER
BIG TOWN.OVER A MILLION DOLLARS
TAKEN IN LOOT.

300 ARE KIDNAPPED.

Hankow, Mar. 9.

News was received at military
headquarters yesterday to the
effect that Sinchowchen in the
Hwangchow district, about 120 li
from this centre, had been plun-
dered by a huge gang of armed
brigands.

These brigands were reported to
number over a thousand and all
were armed, which has led the au-
thorities to the conclusion that
they might have been soldiers who
have been infected with the com-
munist virus.

In any case the whole town has
been pretty thoroughly looted.
Commencing with two large pawn-
shops, the Tao Hain and Tao Yeh
the whole town was combed for
portable loot, and it was reported
that they had succeeded in getting
away with between one and two
million dollars worth.

Not content with ordinary loot,
after taking their pick they select-
ed about three hundred of the in-
habitants both male and female
and carried them off for ransom.

According to the report these
people took not the slightest notice
of the local authorities and it is
suggested that the band were com-
posed of soldiers of either the 12th
or 30th Army who have a very bad
reputation in the district.

The local garrison authorities
here were yesterday afternoon dis-
cussing the expediency of dis-
patching troops from here, but up
to the time of going to press no
orders had been issued to this
effect.—*Central China Post.*

MARINE COURT CASES.

FINES IMPOSED ON JUNK
PEOPLE.

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Commr. J. B. Newell,
D.S.O., R.N., Lau Shui-fuk and Ho
Kong, masters of cargo boats, were
charged together with five others
with having anchored within 100
yards of low water mark during
dark hours. The defendants all
pleaded guilty.

Inspector Brown, in charge of
the case, pressed for a conviction,
as there had been an immense
amount of trouble in dealing with
these craft. The s.s. Kwong Sai
and the s.s. Kwong Tung, had re-
ported that, when berthing, their
sidelights had been damaged by
junks closing in on the wharf.
None of the accused was holding a
permit for working cargo.

Observing that Lau Shui-fuk had
two previous convictions and Ho
Kong one, his Worship inflicted a
fine of \$25, with the usual alterna-
tive on the first defendant and a
fine of \$20 in the case of Ho Kong.
The remaining five defendants were
muted in fines of \$10, with the
usual alternatives.

The case of the Golden Star was
re-opened on Saturday, when his
Worship referred to Regulation 21
of Table M., of the Ordinance 10
of 1899, which provided that it was
necessary to give notice of approach
when required. Such evidence had
not been given in the case.

Under the circumstances, the \$5
fine was remitted and the defendant
discharged, with a recommendation
that the Harbour Master should
ascertain whether the provisions of
this regulation should be amended.

Next year the Everton Football
Club will celebrate their jubilee.

NAVAL WEDDING AT
THE CATHEDRAL.MISS IRIS THORNHILL—
LIEUT. PEYTON.

Great interest was taken in a
pretty naval wedding at St. John's
Cathedral this afternoon, when
Miss Iris McCoan Thornhill,
youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
A. M. Thornhill, was married to
Lieutenant Richard Anthony Pey-
ton, R.N., youngest son of Mr. and
Mrs. L. A. Peyton, of Pinner, Eng-
land. The bride is one of Hong-
kong's most popular young ladies,
her parents having long resided in
the Colony, whilst the bridegroom
is a well-known officer of H. M. S.
Argus. There was a large atten-
dance of guests, including many of
the bridegroom's brother officers.

The bride, who was given away
by her father, presented a charm-
ing appearance in her mediaeval-
style gown of broadecord georgette
over flesh-pink goergette, with
train, tulle veil and orange blos-
soms. She carried a beautiful
sheaf of lilies.

Attending the bride were Miss
Thornhill (sister), Miss Marjory
Parsons and Miss Marigold Sorby
as flower girls. They looked ex-
tremely pretty in pink taffeta pic-
ture frocks with lace caps, their
bouquets being of pink roses.

The bride's mother was attired
in a gown of powder blue georgette
and lace, with grey picture hat,
and she carried a bouquet of tea
roses.

Lieutenant A. A. Murray, R.N.,
of H.M.S. Argus, was the "best
man," whilst Mrs. Greig was at the
organ.

The officiating clergyman was
the very Rev. Dean Swann, assist-
ed by the Rev. E. S. Uiyatt, of
H.M.S. Argus.

After the ceremony, a reception
was held at the Hongkong Hotel,
at which Lieut. and Mrs. Peyton
received the congratulations of their
numerous friends and the
usual toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon is being spent
at Fanning, the bride's going-away
dress being a grey two-piece suit,
with grey shoes and stockings.
Lieut. and Mrs. Peyton are leaving
for England on Saturday next.

CAR REVENUE "FRAUD."

Dublin, Feb. 16.

Mr. Cussen, Senior District Jus-
tice, delivered judgment in Dublin
today in the case of the Revenue
Commissioners against Messrs.
John McEntaggart and H. Mc-
Entaggart and the L. E. F. Trans-
port Company, who were summon-
ed for not declaring the proper
value of seven Citroen cars im-
ported into the Free State.

The Magistrate said there were
85 summonses and the penalties
claimed would amount to about
£500,000.

He had no doubt that Messrs.
Citroen were the givers, and he
was forced to the conclusion that
the fraud was deliberate, as there
was no evidence that Messrs. Mc-
Entaggart's were aware of the
fraud.

He thought justice would be
done if the proper duty on the
cars was paid forthwith, with
costs.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
yesterday's questions:—

1. Because the Board of Admiralty never
ceases work day or night. 2. Helsing, which
has expressly been forbidden since 1601. 3.
An "Indulgence" issued by Abbot Bent and
granted by Caxton on December 18, 1474. 4.
At Oklahoma, U.S.A. 5. Westminster Bridge,
London Bridge coming second and Vauxhall
Bridge third. 6. It was first devised in 1883
by M. Henri Dunant, a Swiss. 7. The word
"net." 8. Helsing, at Ruselestein, near
Frankfurt. 9. A steel chain, 4000 tons, is
being embedded in it. 10. Among the treas-
ures of the Sultans of Turkey at Stambul.
11. Professor Robert Condit, who at Miami,
U.S.A., is constructing a rocket in which he
will try to reach the planet Venus. 12. A
cross-country race, with a distant church
spire as the turning point.

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